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Wilson assures seniors' group

Social programs are secure

By
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TORONTO —
Canada's social safety net will remain intact when the federal government introduces its next budget, Finance Minister Michael Wilson recently told a delegation of national senior citizens' organizations.

Jean Woodsworth, president of One Voice, The Canadian Seniors Network, a national coalition of senior citizens' groups and individuals, said the finance minister reassured her during a pre-budget consultation meeting that he had no intention of touching social programs in the upcoming federal budget, expected in April.

Woodsworth was among representatives of three senior citizens' organizations, including Canadian Pensioners Concerned, of which she is president of the Ontario division, and National Federation of Pensioners and Retirees to present briefs to the finance minister last month.

Overall, Woodsworth said she came away satisfied with the meeting. While there were some slight differences of opinion among the three groups, Woodsworth said there was unanimity on many fronts in dealing with the fairness of the tax system, budget reform and universality.

Jean Woodsworth

Michael Wilson

In addressing the latter issue, Woodsworth stressed that seniors are committed to the maintenance of universal and indexed social programs, including the Old Age Security pension. While some business groups have called for an end to some universal social programs, Woodsworth said the government can easily tax this back from those who don't need them.

"Our total commitment to this is because we don't want any people to have to subject themselves to begging which is, in fact, what it would be," she said, pointing out that for those elderly individuals with income under $10,000, the OAS and GIS pensions account for more than 70% of their income. For those under $5,000, pensions account for 79% of their income.

"As seniors, we remember days when young men roamed the country desperate for work, with no money and no hope. We remember doctors being paid with chickens and potatoes, if they were paid at all; and families who went without medical care because they could not afford it."

While recognizing the importance of reducing the federal deficit, Woodsworth told Wilson that it must not be done on the backs of any one segment of society.

She said that while income tax reform was set out to make the system fairer, less complicated and more progressive, it has made little difference so far and is still in need of reform.

One area in which Woodsworth said she made a "special plea" for special tax treatment for seniors involves investment savings.

She said that as many seniors rely on investment income from their life savings to supplement their fixed pension income, the elimination of the $1,000 investment income deduction was detrimental to many.

"Removing the special tax treatment of investment income imposes a new burden on seniors," she told the finance minister. "Changing rules at a time when these Canadians are unable to change their income pattern is unfair."

Woodsworth also criticized the government for changing the rules on how government raises revenues, saying that while One Voice supports an overhaul of the existing federal sales tax, a new broad-base sales tax program would bear most heavily on those of low and fixed income.

"We paid high income taxes during our earning years, since that was the government's preferred method of generating tax revenues; now that our income is lower in retirement, we would expect lower taxes," she said. "But with increased consumption taxes, we will now have to pay high taxes on goods and services. This is changing the rules; it is unfair and it hurts us at a time when we are vulnerable."

Government plans to counter the new broad-range sales tax with enriched sales tax credits would also prove ineffective, she added, as it would shift the burden of the regressive tax to the middle class.

"While individual Canadians are prepared to do their part in deficit reductions, we stress that business must also act responsibly in contributing

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HISTORIC JOINT CONCERT

Clarinet soloist Sharon Kam of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra rehearses with Toronto Symphony concertmaster Jacques Israelievitch for the historic joint concert of both orchestras which raised $1.1 million last week at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall. See story on page 15. [Graphic Artists photo]

Arens holds fast against PLO talks

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Arens denied last week that anyone in the Bush administration had suggested that Israel negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He also said that no U.S. official had proposed a series of steps to ease tensions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, contrary to media reports that such suggestions would be conveyed.

Arens said that in his meetings with administration officials, he did not dwell on Israel's opposition to the U.S. dialogue with the PLO, since the Israeli position that such talks are "counterproductive" is well known.

The Israeli foreign minister had a nearly 2-hour meeting with Secretary of State James Baker, followed by shorter meetings with President Bush, Vice-President Dan Quayle and Brent Scowcroft, the national security advisor.

At his meeting with Arens, Baker said that he and Bush are firmly committed to continuing the historic United States-Israeli partnership and "to do all we can to assure Israel's security and economic wellbeing."

He said this is because Israel is "not only a friend, but an ally." Israel, he added, "must feel secure if we are going to make progress toward peace in the Middle East."

Arens said no one had suggested Israel consider negotiating with the PLO.

However, Baker told a congressional subcommittee that if advancing the peace process "takes talks with the PLO, we should not rule that out."

Arens had no comment when asked about this during his address to a luncheon sponsored by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

But he made clear in his address that the PLO cannot be a participant in efforts to bring about a Middle East peace settlement.

He said the only reason Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip say that the PLO is their representative is that to do otherwise risks being killed.

Arens said to grant the PLO such status would also mark the "beginning of the end" of Jordan and its rulers and would further the PLO's efforts to subvert Israeli Arabs.

The foreign minister stressed that the negotiators for a peace settlement should be Jordan, the Palestinians living in the territories and possibly a third Arab country now at war with Israel. He did not name which one.

When a reporter asked for Arens' comment on a recent assertion, made by a major Israeli think tank, that Israel cannot continue to refuse to talk to the PLO, he replied, "There is no shortage of Israelis who think they know what should be done."

Arens was in Washington to lay the groundwork for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Washington in April and to present Israel's views on the peace process as the Bush administration formulates its own Middle East policy.

But as Arens arrived in Washington, the state department let it be known that it plans to ask both Israel and the PLO to take confidence-building steps that could foster an atmosphere conducive to peace negotiations.

These include asking Israel to reopen schools and release some of the Palestinians imprisoned without trial during the uprising. The PLO reportedly will be asked to bring a halt to violent demonstrations in the territories and to prevent its member groups from attempting to infiltrate Israel from Lebanon.

But Arens insisted Baker "did not say anything like that to me." However, he added, "we did discuss the importance of reducing tensions in the area, bringing down the scope and the level of violence that we have to deal with."

Arens told his listeners "if anyone has a prescription of how it will be done, I would certainly welcome it. It is a very difficult problem, and there is no magic solution."

The foreign minister did point out that Israel already has released some prisoners in the Gaza Strip, has begun reopening schools there and intends to reduce the visibility of Israeli troops in the territories.

Arens said that United States is "invaluable" to the peace process and that Israel and the United States can agree on how to proceed. "I have no doubt we will be able to arrive at an agreement between us at what it is that needs to be done to give peace a chance."

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Speaking in almost apocalyptic terms in New York City, Arens warned leaders of American Jewry not to allow the world to drive a wedge between them and Israel.

"During the Holocaust, it is agreed that the American Jewish leadership did not do everything it could have done or should have

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Levy rejects idea of Palestinian state

MONTREAL —
Israeli Deputy Prime Minister David Levy strongly denounced the creation of a Palestinian state and called for united support of Israel from Diaspora Jewry during a brief visit to Montreal.

Levy spoke to about 40 members of the creme of Jewish community leadership at a luncheon at Canadian Jewish Congress headquarters.

"Saying 'yes' to a Palestinian state would be the destruction of the Jewish state," said Levy, the minister of construction and housing, speaking in Hebrew.

"Israel will not permit it."

Levy, who in the past has been touted as a potential candidate for Prime Minister as well as for head of the Likud bloc, noted that Labor, Likud, and the U.S. stand united in opposing a Palestinian state, which he said Israel would "pay dearly" for if established.

In any case, he said, such a state would have "no capacity to survive," but it would set the stage for "liberating the Arab lands from the Zionists."

Levy called on Jews in the Diaspora, some of whom have joined recent voices of criticism, to "stand behind Israel not only when singing and clapping hands," and "not only because of its strength, but the justice of its cause."

He said bluntly: "Not one of you knows what's good for Israel better than Israel."

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World-National

Costa Rican Jewry confident

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I must admit that, when I received an invitation to lecture in Costa Rica, I had only the vaguest knowledge of the country. I knew that it was somewhere in Central America, south of Mexico — and that was about it. A 10-day tour acquainted me with a delightful place in the sun and with an active and confident Jewish community.

Rabbi Plaut

Something about the geography: Costa Rica is in the Central Time zone; lies north of Panama and south of Nicaragua. Its capital, San Jose, is further south than Caracas in Venezuela. It's a small country; from the capital one can reach either the Pacific Ocean or the Caribbean in a few hours' drive. There are rolling hills and semi-active volcanos, rain forests and splendid beaches; and there is San Jose, located in a valley two-thirds of a mile in elevation, which enjoys all-year temperatures of 16-24 degrees.

Lovely museums

The city has lovely museums and fine hotels; the prices are reasonable by Canadian standards; the people are open and friendly and fiercely proud of their democracy. Politics is a major issue; on the day we arrived primary voting was in progress, to the accompaniment of much noise and merriment — and none of the violence so familiar in other countries. Costa Rica prides itself on having more teachers than soldiers; in fact, it has no army at all, because in 1948 when the nation went through a revolution the new constitution foreswore military force. The rate of literacy is high and the medical and social insurance systems are well ensconced. Though there is a good deal of petty thievery there is little crime against persons. San Jose's streets are crowded but safe.

Presidents have a 4-year term and many serve only once; the current head of state is Oscar Arias who won the Nobel Prize for his Central American policy of pacification. Two major parties oppose each other in the election, which is not due until next year but is already vigorously contested. The country's language is Spanish, but a lot of people speak English, and especially so in hotels and major stores.

Polish origin

Sephardic Jews started to arrive in some numbers during the last century, but their community has all but disappeared. The current Jewish population, which numbers some 2,000 souls traces its origins primarily to two Polish towns, Zelechow and Ostrowiec, and to this day the older population preserves its Yiddish culture. There are two congregations: the large, traditionally oriented Centro Israelita, which has splendid facilities and a flourishing day school, and the new and still small Reform congregation, B'nai Israel.

Zionism is strong and Israel plays a significant part in Jewish consciousness. Most Jewish high school students will spend a full year in Israel. This closeness is reflected also in the official policy of the nation which has been from the beginning one of Israel's most loyal supporters. A former president, Jose Figueres, once did a tour for Israel Bonds in the U.S. while he was in the midst of an election campaign. And Costa Rica is one of only two countries which have their embassy in Jerusalem and not in Tel Aviv.

Here, too, anti-semitism once raised its ugly head, but that was in the past. Jews serve in parliament and have been cabinet ministers.

Costa Ricans now have to cope with a large influx of refugees from neighboring Nicaragua. These newcomers presently constitute nearly 10% of the nation's 3 million inhabitants — a large presence in so small a country. Yet, though I heard grumbling about the newcomers it was contained, and I thought about Canada, so large and rich, which raises a holy furor over a much smaller number of refugee claimants in its midst.

I have been asked whether I would go back to Costa Rica. The answer is an enthusiastic Yes!

But don't expect intifada to end, says top official

PLO said committed to two states

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A top official of the Palestine Liberation Organization told an audience of Israelis, Palestinians and Americans here recently that the PLO has a "clear commitment" to a 2-state solution and to a "final stop to terrorism."

But he warned that calling a halt to the Palestinian uprising, part of a reported Bush administration proposal for Palestinian and Israeli moderation, is "impossible."

"The intifada is the mother of our peace plan and not just a protest movement," Nabil Shaath, chairman of the political committee of the Palestine National Council, said at a peace conference at Columbia University.

The conference, featuring PLO officials, dovish Israeli Knesset members and some 40 leading figures from both sides of the green line in Israel, was billed as the largest event so far to bring Palestinians and Israelis together to talk peace.

Sponsors of the event included Al-Fajr, the Jerusalem-based Palestinian daily, and New Outlook, a left-wing Israeli monthly.

Columbia University agreed to host the conference, but under extraordinarily tight security that included full body searches of all participants and observers.

Organizers hoped it would be the most visible of a series of such conferences, including recent meetings in Paris, London and The Hague.

The Israeli participants included four Knesset members, all from small, dovish parties. They were Shulamit Aloni, Ran Cohen and Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement, and Yair Tsaban of Mapam, the United Workers Party of Israel.

Palestinian figures included PLO officials and major West Bank personalities. Among the seven PLO officials in attendance were Shaath, a special advisor to PLO leader Yasser Arafat; Afif Safieth, the PLO's representative to the Netherlands; and Noha Tadros Khalaf, assistant to Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's foreign affairs office in Tunis.

All three were granted visas to attend the conference along with Faisal al-Husseini, director of the Arab Studies Center in Jerusalem, who was recently released from administrative detention in Israel.

The conference began with the boisterous mingling of delegates and audience members, although the Israeli Knesset members were careful to obey Israeli laws forbidding most kinds of contact between citizens and PLO members.

The PLO was exhorted by Israelis and American Jews to make the kind of unequivocal statements that will build trust for their newly moderate positions.

And Israeli leaders and the Bush administration were told to abandon hopes that Palestinians will settle for anything less than a Palestinian state negotiated by the PLO, whom they called their true representative.

A generally optimistic tone was leavened somewhat by the words of Yehoshafat Harkabi, the onetime hawk who headed military intelligence in Israel. He now argues for a 2-state solution.

"Remember," Harkabi said, "the Israeli side here is represented not by mainstream Israelis, but by moderate fringes, while the PLO is represented by its mainstream."

In order to reach the Israeli mainstream, he told the Palestinians, they must not only make their new positions clear, but explain why they are taking those positions.

Shaath replied by saying the PLO had for too long acted like the mother in the famous King Solomon story, who would rather give up a child than see it split in half.

"Maybe property and land are not like children," he said. The PLO has come to accept that "we must divide the land so that children can live."

Drug trade rampant

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Police believe that at least 40,000 drug peddlers are operating in Israel, the Knesset law committee was told recently.

Rafi Peled, head of the Israel Police intelligence division, said his estimate was based on court convictions for the period 1984 to 1988, plus new drug files opened in 1988.

Drugs are coming into the country across every border, Peled said, and residents of southern Lebanon, Gaza, Judea and Samaria are involved in the smuggling by sea, land and air.

In 1984 police seized six kilos of heroin; in 1988 they seized 60 kilos, Peled said. Two out of every five drug consumers take hard drugs today, he stated.

Bush should have taken Number 76 to heart

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Our guest columnist for today is none other than Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804). In an effort to have the states ratify the Constitution, Hamilton asked John Jay and James Madison to join him in writing a series of "letters" to New York newspapers. Taken together, their writings are called "The Federalist Papers." Number 76, written by Hamilton, explains what went wrong with the nomination of John Tower.

Number 76 is Hamilton's account of why the Constitution framers gave the Senate the authority to confirm — or reject — important presidential appointments. With the exception of some language, it is as cogent an analysis of the Tower mess as you are likely to read.

Why give this power to the Senate? Hamilton asks rhetorically, and then, in one tight paragraph, explains. Confirmation provides a "powerful," although "silent" restraint on a President. It "would be an excellent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the President, and would tend greatly to prevent the appointment of unfit characters . . ." In other words, senatorial confirmation is a version of prior restraint: "The possibility of rejection would be strong motive to care in proposing."

But George Bush took no such care. For whatever reason — poor judgment, arrogance or bad staff work — Bush crashed through Hamilton's "powerful" and "silent" restraint and tossed the Senate a nomination it found it did not want. The President proceeded through a host of red lights: That Tower had (or has) a drinking problem, that he was a womanizer (actually, an alleged grabber and pincher), and that he had earned almost $1 million in consulting fees from defence contractors. Three red lights are too many.

But there was a fourth: Tower is not liked. Normally, amiability would not be a consideration for a cabinet post. But in Tower's case, his arrogance as a onetime Senate committee chairman, his brusque ways, his sense of entitlement (which may or may not have extended to women), won him few friends. In his case, a nomination that was already in trouble was given to a Senate which, four years earlier, was glad to see him go. The stunning fact is that this former senator could count on little goodwill in the body in which he once served, and was rebuffed by the very committee he once chaired.

No one can deny that the Tower affair had its troubling aspects. The confirmation process was smarmy and even ephemeral. Some ask, just what has Tower done? Not being privy to the FBI report, we can't exactly know. Should he have been denied a cabinet post and, in the process, ruined, by a public process based almost entirely on private allegations? What's the charge? What's the proof?

By prolonging the fight, the White House's strategy was plain: It wanted us to weigh matters. What was most important — Tower's character or the method of his destruction? Did we lose more by having him in the Pentagon or by a process which, more and more, resembled a blackball session at a fraternity house? What are our ultimate values?

Look at what has happened: The Wall Street Journal resurrected an ancient drunk-driving charge against Sen. Sam Nunn. The Washington Times regurgitated a 1969 sex scandal involving Sen. Donald Riegle. The Washington Post reported allegations against Tower that even his critics did not believe. Tower himself was asked if he respected marriage vows — an impertinent question having nothing to do with missiles, tanks and other matters that cross a defence secretary's desk.

The affair was unseemly — as unseemly as the nominee. Tower represents what happens when Hamilton's rules are ignored — when the President proceeds with the nomination of "unfit characters," and then, confusing stubbornness with strength, announces his resolve to persist.

The fight was made even meaner when the White House, instead of acknowledging Tower's blemishes, charged Democrats with partisanship when they pointed them out. Certainly partisanship played a role. But if Democrats were partisan in their opposition to Tower, Republicans were no less partisan in his favor.

The stubbornness of the White House dragged the Senate into the muck, and senators troubled about Tower really had no choice but to go public. The Senate is both demeaned and soiled; Tower both ridiculed and hurt. The bizarre and repulsive spectacle went on too long. Bush should have withdrawn the Tower nomination and ended an ugly fight he should never have started.

Bush would not be caving in to Democrats. He would be heeding Alexander Hamilton.

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Glasnost no reason to let up

Lobbying for Soviet Jewry must go on: Stern

MONTREAL —

"While conditions have improved for Jews living in the Soviet Union under leader Mikhail Gorbachev, now more than ever before pressure must continue to be exerted until all those wishing to leave are permitted to do so."

That's the message from Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress national committee for Soviet Jewry.

Stern said that a lot of changes have taken place in the Soviet Jewry movement. Since the last CJC Plenary Assembly was held three years ago in Toronto, a number of prominent Refuseniks have been allowed to leave. Hebrew teachers, though few are allowed to register officially, are no longer being harassed.

There are still people being refused," said Stern, who will complete her second 3-year term as chairman at the next Plenary May 7-9. "We have some 2,634 Refuseniks on our lists who continue to be refused without legitimate reason. Despite 18,964 Jews being allowed out in 1988 and an expected 35,000 to 40,000 in 1989, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1988, there were 100,000 requests for invitations from Israel — the preliminary step to applying to leave. Allowing 30,000 to 40,000 people out a year is not going to answer those kind of numbers.

"Without an institutionalized emigration policy, still a major unattained goal of the Soviet Jewry campaign, many Soviet Jews will continue to be held back."

Stern says her committee feels Soviet promises have only been made as a result of pressure from the West, and the Soviet government is using this human rights issue to improve its image.

"The worst possible thing anyone can do now is look at the present situation in the Soviet Union and say all is well," Stern said. "It will only continue to improve if it remains a major concern of Western governments. We have always guided ourselves by the requests and demands of Soviet Jews themselves. They express that if there is a lessening of support on their behalf the present promise will never become a reality.

While official estimates put the number of Jews in the Soviet Union at 1.08 million, Stern says 3.5 million is a more realistic figure.

CJC, through its national committee and regions across the country, has pressed for the repatriation and family reunification of Jews from the Soviet Union and the release from exile or incarceration of Prisoners of Zion. The committee has also strived to enhance the opportunities for those who choose to remain in the Soviet Union to live full and unfettered lives as Jews, free from systematic repression and anti-semitic propaganda.

Activities include rallies

Regular activities include strong representations to various governments, including Canada, directly or through rallies, vigils, visits, letters to and adoption of Refuseniks.

In 1987, a delegation including CJC president Dorothy Reitman, executive vice-president Alan Rose, Liberal MP David Berger and Edward Bronfman travelled to the Soviet Union where they met with Refuseniks. Stern has been there twice and is in contact with Refuseniks on a regular basis.

CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone and Senator Nathan Nurgitz of Winnipeg recently returned from Moscow where they attended the opening of the country's first officially sanctioned Jewish cultural centre.

Soviet Jewish emigration has risen rapidly since the last CJC Plenary "when all the doors appeared to be closed to us," said Stern. In 1986, only 914 Jews were permitted to leave. That number rose to 8,155 in 1987, 18,965 last year and could be double by the end of 1989.

The international human rights conference to be held in the Soviet Union in 1991, is most significant, Stern believes. The conference is a result of the recent signing of the Vienna Review of the Helsinki Final Act by the 35 signatory states, including Canada.

The concluding document calls for three follow-up reviews to access the performance of each country in the area of human rights. The first such review, which Stern plans to attend, will take place May 30 in Paris. In 1990 Copenhagen will be the site, with the Soviet Union set to serve as host a year later.

Barbara Stern hears from Eduard Nadgorny about his hunger strike as concerned members of the Group of 35 look on.

"For the first time the Western campaign really has some leverage," says Stern. "Moscow is anxious to hold the 1991 meeting. If the Soviet Union does not fully honor its human rights commitments we would then be in a strong position to urge the Canadian government not to participate in the conference in 1991."

Part of the monitoring the CJC committee intends to do includes sending Jewish cultural and religious material to the Soviet Union. This follows the Soviet government's verbal pronouncement to allow Jews their ethnic minority right to teach and learn about their language and heritage, she said.

Stern points out that the committee's three main goals have never changed: all Refuseniks should be permitted to leave and an institutionalized emigration policy would ensure that in the future all those wishing to would receive exit visas; all those with security restrictions prior to an accepted time frame should be allowed to go; and the official recognition of the Jewish ethnic minority, including the right to teach and learn, have full access to printed Jewish cultural, religious and linguistic material, as well as schools, cultural associations and religious institutions, must be given.

22nd annual Plenary marks CJC's 70th year

MONTREAL —

While Canadian Jewish Congress will officially mark its 70th anniversary at its 22nd National Plenary Assembly, May 7 -9 in Montreal, the actual date of the anniversary was a lot closer.

On March 16, 1919, CJC came into being to meet some of the problems that arose out of the events and aftermath of World War I.

To come to the rescue of war victims, to provide homes for war orphans, to deal with pogroms in Russia and the promise of the Balfour Declaration in Palestine — these were the emergent duties of that time. But whereas similar bodies organized in the United States were openly acknowledged as having been founded but for the solution of passing problems, in Canada CJC was launched as an institution of permanence, the organizational body representative of Canadian Jewry.

The first National Plenary Assembly of CJC was held at the Monument Theatre in Montreal, March 16-19, 1919. This was a "Congress" in the true sense of the word and was nationally representative, with 209 democratically elected delegates from across Canada.

Lyon Cohen was elected president and H. M. Caiserman the permanent general secretary. Officers were elected to represent Eastern, Central and Western divisions of Canada.

Speaking with one voice, CJC affirmed its recognition of the threat posed by communism to Jewish survival.

It moved to keep Jewish immigration flowing by organizing the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) and by addressing the federal government. It declared its solidarity with the concept of establishing a Jewish state and joined the Jewish delegations at Versailles who were seeking to enshrine in the constitutions of the new European states the fullest assurance of rights for their Jewish minorities.

Though it was resolved that CJC be established as a permanent body, it would not be so for another 15 years. Following its convening in March, the CJC continued to act on its resolutions for a short time.

Specifically, it established JIAS and submitted a memorandum to the Canadian government on proposed amendments to the Immigration Act and continued with fund raising for overseas relief.

It was only in 1933, when Hitler became chancellor of Germany and the threat of virulent anti-semitism in Western Europe hit the consciousness of Canadian Jews that the CJC was reconstituted.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SELEZNIK

Al Silverman, of Toronto, is told by his father that the name which he bore upon immigrating to Canada from Russia was not Silverman. This was the name given to him by the Canadian immigration officer instead of SELEZNIK or as he pronounced it, ZELESHNIK. He lived in White Russia near Minsk.

I would attribute his surname to the shtetl SELEZNI, which is in White Russia near VITEBSK, but not far from MINSK. This is another example of the importance of all clues to help track down the origin of a surname.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: If a woman has a tiny infant and cannot go to the synagogue, is she still obligated to hear the reading of the megillah?

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ANSWER: *We are all obligated to read the megillah, for the Shulchan 'Aruch, O.H. Chapter 689:1, lays down the rule that "everyone is obligated to read it: men, women, converts . . ." Paragraph 2 of the same law has a tiny modification of this broad statement, for some scholars wondered whether a woman is required to read the megillah, or just to hear it read. If the latter view is the correct one, then even if she is going to read the megillah, the blessing she makes before reading it is, lishmo'ah, to hear the reading of the megillah.*

Rabbi Burak

Answer exists

As to the question you ask about those women who cannot go to the synagogue, there must be an answer to the problem. What does a lady do who needs the services of a cosmetician, and cannot go to her? The cosmetician comes to her. And if one needs a doctor and cannot go to his office, one finds a doctor who makes house calls. Here, too, let the megillah be read at home.

Still, strange things happen when the megillah is read at home for the ladies. In the responsa of the Ribash, number 388, Rabbi Isaac bar Sheshes z.l. asked his master, Rabbeinu Nissim z.l., what to do about the strange way in which the megillah was being read at home for the ladies of Saragossa:

"Now, just before Purim, they told me that for the last 30 years it has been their custom to read the megillah in Spanish for the ladies, from a scroll written in Spanish. I told them that it is wrong to do this, for the reader is able to read it both in Hebrew, and in Spanish. And, when one who can read the Hebrew, reads the megillah in Spanish, he fails to fulfil the mitzvah; then, those who hear his reading are also in default."

Total agreement

In the Ribash, responsum 390, we find that Rabbeinu Nissim z.l. completely agreed with his illustrious pupil that it was wrong to read the megillah in Spanish for the ladies. From this responsum, the ruling moved into the Code, O.H. 690:11, where we find a protest against reading the megillah in any language other than the original.

But, why would a group of ladies congregate in a private home for this sacred reading rather than in the synagogue? Doesn't the law say that everyone is obligated to read the megillah, men and women, etc.? Well, the Magen Avraham, in his gloss on that paragraph in the Code, is responsible for this statement: "Therefore, one should read it at home for the virgins."

However, if these young ladies were interested in practicing their religion, why were they at home rather than in the synagogue? The answer is that for a long time unmarried women were not permitted to attend shul, even in the ladies' gallery. That privilege was reserved for matrons only. That's why the young maidens heard the megillah read at home.

With this home reading of the Book of Esther came such innovations as reading the story from a Spanish language text. Perhaps to prevent such a new custom, arose the custom to which the Be'er Hetev refers in his gloss: "And in some places, the virgins do attend the Beth Knesseth Nashim, the women's synagogue (gallery) to hear the megillah."

In an earlier age, the ladies regarded it as a privilege to be granted admission into the shul's women's gallery, once they were married. One of the noblest of them who was an exquisite Hebrew scholar as well as the daughter of a magnate, and wasn't admitted to the gallery until she married, said this D'var Torah as she went to shul for the first time:

"I was glad when they said unto me: 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord.' " (Psalms, 122:1). I was glad when my groom said, 'Be thou wedded unto me; now I can go to shul.' "

Intifada coverage cited as a cause

Jew hatred on rise, says BB Canada

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

Frank Dimant

Harry Bick

TORONTO —

Hatred against Jews is on the rise in Canada, with dramatic increases last year in recorded incidents of vandalism and harassment, says a B'nai B'rith Canada official.

The increases are due in part to "negative images" of the Palestinian uprising reported in the media, says Frank Dimant, BBC's executive vice-president.

Anti-semitism also rose due to the occurrence of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel's second trial for publishing hate propaganda, and the war crimes trial of John Demjanjuk in Israel.

"This made Canadians uncomfortable with Israel and the Jewish community," Dimant said.

"Anti-semites saw a window of opportunity in order to manifest their hatred," he told a recent news conference at the downtown Park Plaza Hotel.

The number of recorded anti-semitic incidents in 1988 more than doubled from the previous year, rising from 55 in 1987 to 112 last year, according to an audit prepared by BBC's League for Human Rights.

The audit tallied complaints of anti-semitic behavior reported to BBC officials by Jewish individuals and groups.

Last year's figure was the highest since 1984 when 126 anti-semitic incidents were recorded by the national human rights organization.

Almost 30% of last year's incidents were directed against Jewish organizations, about 20% to Jewish individuals, about 9% to Jewish buildings and about 18% to the Jewish community at large. The remaining incidents, including propaganda and graffiti, were aimed at non-Jewish organizations, individuals and buildings.

Incidents of vandalism — including the desecration of cemeteries, synagogues, and Jewish property at post secondary institutions — increased in 1988 to 52, almost triple the number recorded in 1987.

Harassment incidents — including abuse or threats directed against individuals, groups or institutions as well as hate propaganda — were also up, totalling 60 last year compared to 37 in 1987.

The highest number of anti-semitic incidents occurred in Toronto, where 46 cases were reported. In the remaining Ontario region, 14 incidents were recorded. In Montreal, 30 were recorded, while the remaining Quebec region reported only 1. Atlantic provinces, 3, Manitoba 5, Alberta, 12, and British Columbia, 1.

There was also an increase in bomb threats, culminating in a "real life drama" in Calgary where two alleged Klu Klux Klan members plotted to bomb the city's Jewish Community Centre and murder one of its prominent Jewish leaders, Dimant said.

Calgary police intercepted the plan and apprehended the would-be culprits before tragedy could strike.

"This study makes us painfully aware that we are still a vulnerable community and that multiculturalism, acceptance and tolerance are still far from a reality in Canada," Dimant told reporters and human rights officials.

He said government, educators and the media must be "sensitive" and "meet the needs" of all ethnocultural communities.

Organizations and individuals from all walks of life must also confront the issue, he said.

"Racism is unacceptable whether it is done in the name of politics, freedom of speech or fear, jealousy and ignorance," Dimant said.

He also called on the media to be more objective in their coverage and analysis of the Middle East and "accord Israel the same kind of media coverage that they give to other countries and judge it by the same kind of standards."

He said the most serious incident of "negative images" in the media affecting Canadian Jews last year was a March, 1988 Toronto Star editorial which defended a controversial policy speech on Israel by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. In the editorial, Canadian Jews' loyalty to their country was questioned.

Meanwhile, Harry Bick, the League's national chairman, told reporters that the problem of racism is growing everywhere in Canada.

A national survey, conducted for BBC by a polling organization, will soon be released, showing "racist sentiments" exist throughout the nation against Jewish, Polish, Italian and Black communities.

"There is an undercurrent of racism that exists in this country," Bick said.

Other speakers included Dr. Brian Feldman, BBC president, and Lorne Shipman, the League's national project coordinator.

Complaint lodged against LaPresse

MONTREAL —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada has lodged a defamation complaint with the Quebec Press Council against La Presse over a satirical column by Pierre Foglia, which it alleges mocks Judaism, "exceeding by far the limits of humor."

The brief Jan. 28 column headed The Jews was inspired by the Jerusalem Post story of the couple who reportedly had sex in a helicopter which hovered outside the windows of guests at the Tiberias Club Hotel, part of a New Year's Eve party.

Foglia wrote: "I am not racist, however, Jews have always intrigued me. They are complicated people, and at the same time, I would believe, a little twisted toward the backside."

The League says the sense of this expression is "sexually perverted."

Foglia also jocularly compares the Jewish practice of circumcision (cutting a little peel at the end of the 'zizi') to how chic restaurants cut radishes to make them more pretty, and to how Jews will not eat pork but that doesn't "prevent them from kissing completely nude in helicopters above swimming pools."

He advises readers that the next time they take a helicopter, especially if they are with their children, to find out if the pilot is Jewish, and, if so, take the metro.

A letter denouncing the column by Esther Benezra, co-chairman of the League, Quebec Region, and Eric Litwack, assistant director, published by La Presse soon after called the column "neither tolerant nor amusing."

In all five letters objecting to the column were published by La Presse under the heading "They didn't laugh at all."

In the League's complaint to the Press Council, co-chairmen Benezra and Steven Scheinberg charge La Presse with "repeated violations of the principles of fairness with respect to minorities and in particular to the Jewish community."

La Presse caused an uproar last September with an article on the chassidim of Outremount, which many in the Jewish community felt was a negative characterization.

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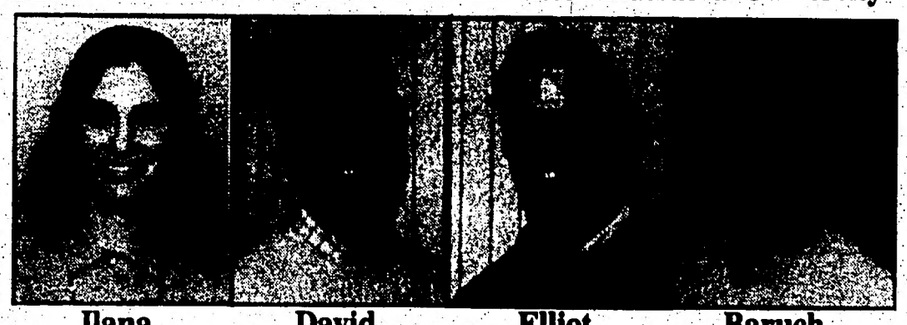

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Sam & Mollie Rotman to be honored by Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University

By Cynthia Gasner

Prominent real estate developer and philanthropist Sam Rotman and his wife Mollie will be honored at the 35th anniversary dinner of Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, on March 27 at the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotman recently made a major gift to Stern College, the University's undergraduate division of liberal arts and sciences for women. Yeshiva University, now in its 102nd year, is America's oldest and larget university under Jewish auspices.

The Rotmans have also endowed a scholarship in perpetuity at the College as part of the Bora Laskin Endowed Scholarship Fund for Canadian students at Yeshiva University.

Born in Poland near Ostrofser, Mr. Rotman came to Canada in 1922 at the age of 13. He established a successful hat business, began investing in real estate, and built a flourishing real estate business.

The Rotmans are active supporters of Jewish educational institutions in Canada, the United States and Israel.

Adele Brody, Mrs. Rotman's daughter, a computer specialist with the New York City personnel department, who is an alumna of Stern College and a member of its board of directors, will be honored at the 35th anniversary dinner, along with 34 other alumni of Stern College, for "achieving distinction in their professional and communal endeavors."

Lea Eisenberg of Long Beach, N.Y., an executive with Elkins Industries, and secretary of the Stern College Board, is the dinner chairman.

Stern College for Women was founded in 1954 through a major gift by the late Max Stern, founder of Hartz Mountain Corp. His wife, Ghity Stern, is honorary chairman of the 35th anniversary dinner.

There are 630 women currently enrolled at Stern College, which has conferred more than 2,600 BA and BS degrees since its establishment.

The College is one of 16 undergrduate, graduate and professional schools and affiliates which comprise Yeshiva University. They are located on four campuses in New York and at educational centres in Los Angeles and Jerusalem.

Yeshiva University brings together the study of Torah and the observance of mitzvot with the pursuit of a general education which its founders believed was essential in the contemporary North American society.

More than 7,000 students (41% women) from all parts of North America as well as Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa, are enrolled at the university.

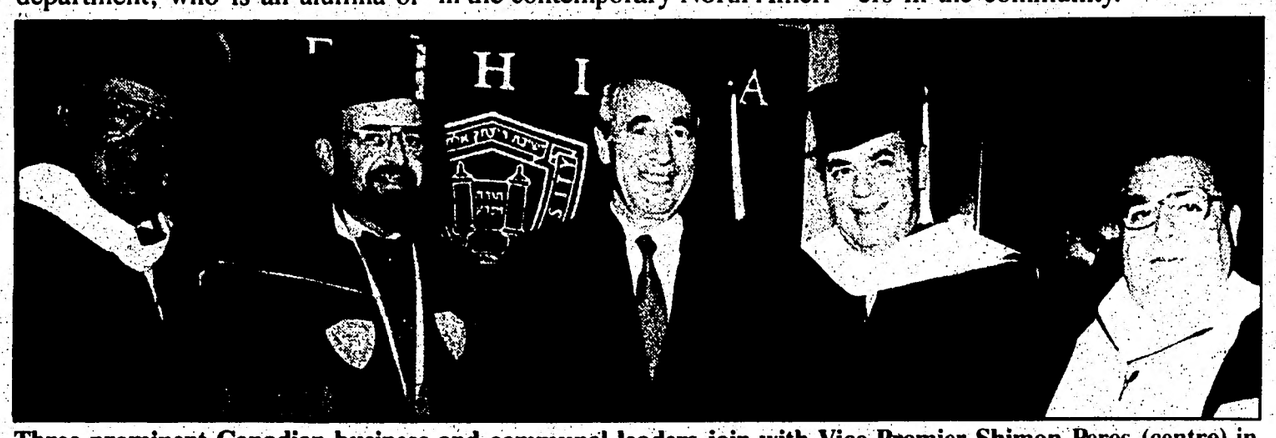
Through the generosity of Sam and Mollie Rotman, Stern College will provide more young women with an education and the skills to assume leadership roles in the community, says Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz, the national director of The Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University.

For many decades, Canadians have been both recipients of Yeshiva University's scholarship and contributors to its growth and development.

The Rotmans join the growing list of those who support Canadian students attending the graduate and professional schools associated with the Yeshiva University. About 75% of the undergraduates receive scholarships.

Sam Rotman says he is the "richest man" because he believes that the greatest form of charity is to help someone help themselves.

Through the generosity of the Rotmans, many students will have the opportunity to continue their studies and take their place as leaders in the community.



Three prominent Canadian business and communal leaders join with Vice-Premier Shimon Peres (centre) in celebrating Yeshiva University's second century. Dr. Norman Lamm (2nd from left), president of Yeshiva University with Joseph Kerzner (left), Gershon Stern and Nathan Starr.

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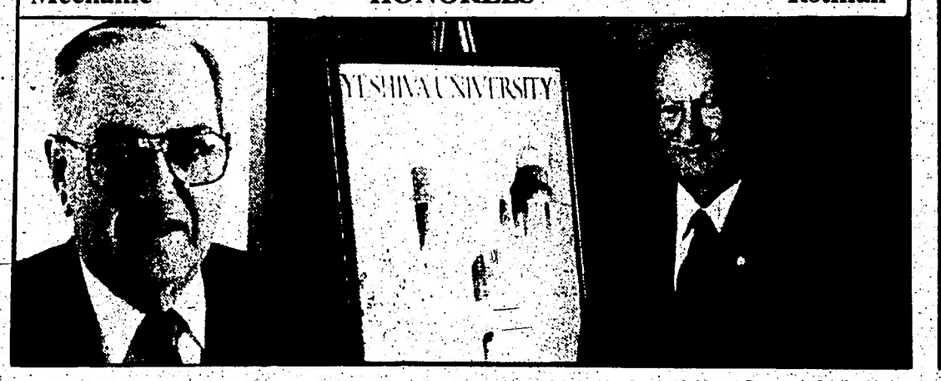

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But defence post nominee has criticized Jerusalem's policies

Cheney considered to be supporter of Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Dick Cheney, who was nominated by President Bush to be secretary of defence, is considered a supporter of Israel who has, on occasion, been critical of Israeli policies.

One of the most respected members of the House and, as Republican whip, the No. 2 member of the GOP leadership there, Cheney was named by Bush a day after the Senate rejected the President's first choice, former Sen. John Tower by a 53 to 47 vote.

The 48-year-old Cheney has one of the more impressive resumes in government on Capitol Hill but does not have much experience in defence matters. He did not serve in the military.

Cheney has not taken a leading position on the Middle East, but Hyman Bookbinder, former Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, said Cheney is a team player and he sees no grounds for the Jewish community to be concerned about him.

Cheney has visited Israel several times. His first visit was as a member of Congress on the official U.S. delegation to the funeral of Moshe Dayan. During his second visit to Israel, Prime Minister Menachem Begin resigned.

Presenting the Republican perspective during the 1984 presidential campaign, Cheney said that "there is no Republican or Democratic position on the security of Israel — only an American position."

He said both parties are committed to the "belief that the future prosperity, security and survival of Israel and the United States are inextricably interwoven."

As one of the most militant conservatives in the House, Cheney has voted against foreign aid in general several times during his five terms.

Most recently, while voting for a 5% across-the-board cut in aid, he also voted to exempt the Middle East countries from the cut.

Cheney has argued that the United States should have balanced relations with all states in the Middle East. He has supported arms sales to Arab countries while arguing they do not harm Israel's security.

At the same time, he has argued that there is no question about the importance of an Israeli presence on the West Bank. He said a way should be found to give the Palestinians there "some political rights, probably with Jordan's government."

Dick Cheney

Cheney criticized Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 "as opportunistic."

At the same time, he initiated a House letter to then Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, urging him to reach an agreement with Israel to obtain military data garnered by Israeli forces in Lebanon.

He also cosponsored a 1985 sense-of-the-House resolution urging Egypt to return its ambassador to Israel, who was withdrawn because of the Lebanese invasion.

Cheney cosponsored a House letter to President Reagan, urging him not to go to the military ceremony in Bitburg, West Germany, because members of the Waffen SS are buried there.

Gives commitment for emigration

Bush promises to aid Ethiopian Jewry

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President George Bush gave Ethiopian Jewry leaders his personal commitment to help an estimated 17,000 Jews hoping to leave Ethiopia for Israel, according to Rachamim Elazar, chairman of the National Association of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

In the first meeting between a U.S. President and an Ethiopian Jew, Bush told Elazar last week that he would consider a variety of political efforts to assist the Jews in leaving, the Washington Jewish Week reported.

"I reminded him of his personal involvement in Operation Moses," said Elazar. "That work has been finished. I urged him to seek ways that he could get the other Ethiopian Jews out.

"He gave us his word that he is willing to do something about it," Elazar said.

Bush previously met with Ethiopian Jews during a trip to Israel when he was vice-president, but this was his first meeting with Ethiopian Jewry leaders in the White House.

"We were delighted by the President's concern for Jews remaining in Ethiopia," said Jon Cohen, special representative of the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry, who attended the Oval Office meeting with Bush.

"We hope because of his personal commitment, the United States will use all means possible to encourage Ethiopia to allow the internationally recognized rights to emigration and family reunification," Cohen said.

Egyptian flag is raised over Taba

TEL AVIV (JTA) — After seven-years of informal squabbling, formal negotiations and international arbitration, the last metres of Sinai were finally returned to Egypt after 22 years, as the Egyptian flag was raised on a hilltop overlooking Taba.

Israel described the situation in Taba last week as "a general snafu" and "organized chaos" in last-minute arrangements that were completed in the minutes before noon.

The hand-over ceremony itself was low key on the Israeli side, as foreign ministry officials and Israeli police quietly walked across the border, completing the withdrawal.

There was jubilation on the Egyptian side, however, as officials, soldiers and some 100 cheering Egyptians watched the square kilometre of formerly disputed area become their territory.

It marked the return of the final piece of the entire Sinai Desert captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

As zero-hour approached, many Israeli journalists and tourists drove the short distance to Eilat to pick up their Israeli passports and return as Israeli tourists visiting a foreign country.

Last-minute preparations included financial arrangements for Israelis visiting Taba and permission for Israeli soldiers and tourists to enter the Taba enclave without need for official permission to leave Israel.

Israelis will be allowed to take 300 shekels, or $170 U.S. a day, up to a total of 4,000 shekels, or $2,200 U.S., for their stay in Taba.

Israelis are not allowed to take foreign currency into Taba, however, and inside the Taba Sonesta Hotel — formerly the Avia Sonesta Hotel — the Israel Discount Bank branch has been replaced by the Egyptian Misr Bank, where Israeli shekels can be exchanged for Egyptian pounds.

In the hotel, two telephone switchboards are now operating. One is linked to the Israeli Bezek national and international switchboard and the other to the Cairo exchange.

One of the last official acts was the signature by Egyptian tourism ministry officials of the stock-taking documents completed at the Sonesta Hotel.

Some 65 of the Sonesta Hotel's 350 Israeli employees have resigned rather than continue work under Egyptian ownership, even with the continued management of former hotel owner Eli Papushado.

They continued their at times unruly demonstration, demanding separation compensation at the rate of 350%.

But after Israeli police detained several of the more violent demonstrators, they moved their demonstration to the Israeli side of the border.

Police told them they had informed the Egyptian authorities they would deal with them only up to noon, after which it would be up to the Egyptian police to deal with any demonstrations within the enclave, as it would then be part of Egypt.

The former employees agreed to move when informed that a representative of the Prime Minister's office would meet with them to discuss their compensation demands.

The disgruntled former employees were bolstered by several score of right-wing and Kach movement members, who stood on the Israeli side of the border chanting that the Israeli government had treacherously handed over part of the "national heritage" to Egypt.

Egyptian celebrations at the hotel and at the nearby Rafi Nelson Resort Village were jubilant but unofficial.

The Egyptian government held official celebrations in the enclave on Sunday.

Meanwhile, relatives of Israelis killed or wounded at Ras Burka three years ago complained that Taba had been handed over before the Egyptians had paid them compensation for their bereavement.

The incident was caused when an Egyptian border policeman went berserk on the Red Sea coast and shot at Israeli tourists on the seashore.

Egypt said that the promised compensation would be paid shortly, after a delay caused by bureaucratic procedures.

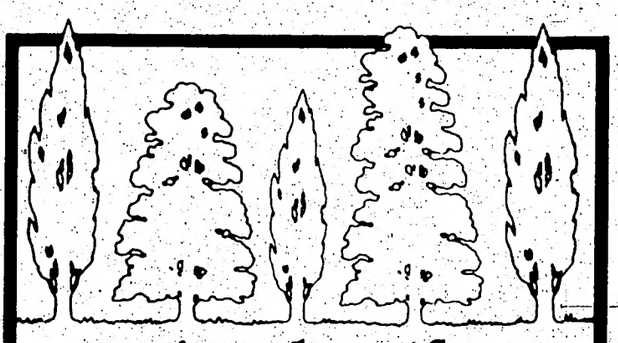
Demjanjuk lawyer's attacker convicted

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Yisrael Yehezkeli, the Holocaust survivor who last December threw acid in the face of John Demjanjuk's defence lawyer Yoram Sheftel, has been convicted of aggravated assault.

In the presence of one friend, one radio journalist, and a few lawyers, Yehezkeli told Judge Ezra Hadaya that he had indeed thrown the acid at Sheftel. Hadaya then convicted him as charged.

A psychiatric opinion presented in court indicated that Yehezkeli was responsible for his actions and capable of standing trial.

Yehezkeli, 70, of Jerusalem's Katamon neighborhood, had expressed pride at his attack on Sheftel, whom he called a "super-kapo" (i.e., a Jew who betrays other Jews).



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The Kashruth Council, Toronto Jewish Congress,
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one of the founders of the Kashruth Council
and its Chairman for several years.

Mr. Sigler was a pillar of strength to all Jewish community organizations and to the Orthodox community in particular. We will always be grateful for his sound leadership and constructive guidance.

Our condolences to his wife, son and daughter and to all his family.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhansk died Adar 21 (March 28 this year) 1786. A pioneer of chassidism, he defined the life and duties of a religious leader.

Elimelech was born in 1717, one of seven children in a wealthy family that traced its *yichus* (ancestry of religious accomplishments) through 11th-century commentator Rashi back to the 2nd century sage Johanan HaSandlar. He was caught up in the wave of chassidism sweeping Eastern Europe. Young Elimelech and his brother Zusya studied under two early chassidic scholars, Rabbi Shmelke Horowitz and his brother Rabbi Pinchas.

Elimelech and Zusya, like young people in every generation, abjured their comfortable home. Invoking Rabbi Johanan's dictum in the Talmud that "exile atones for everything," they set out on a 3-year period of penurious wandering to atone for their perceived misdeeds and bring others to teshuvah. At an inn once, they were set upon by a gang of drunken peasants, who beat Zusya to the floor. Elimelech traded places with him to take a turn suffering their blows.

After another round of drinking, the peasants declared that it was not fair to beat only one of the pair, and made for whom they thought was the other. Zusya was roundly beaten once again, leading him to observe afterwards: "If a man is destined to receive blows, he will receive them no matter where he puts himself." It was also Zusya who made the famous comment on individual destiny and self-realization. "In the world to come, they will not ask me 'Why were you not Moses?', but 'Why were you not Zusya?' "

Elimelech redoubled his asceticism. Zusya persuaded him to see Dov Baer, the successor of chassidic founder Israel Baal Shem Tov. Dov Baer became his mentor. Elimelech impressed Dov Baer with his piety, learning, practical wisdom, and love of his fellow Jews. After Dov Baer's death in 1773, his disciples accepted Elimelech as the new head of the chassidic movement. While based in Lizhansk, he still spent much time on the road visiting small outlying communities. "In this way," comments Harry Rabinowicz in *Hasidism: The Movement and its Masters*, "he came to understand the economic struggles as well as the spiritual needs of the people." Elimelech immediately distributed all monies coming to him from his followers to the poor.

While discouraging it in others, he maintained his own asceticism. He intensified Torah and Talmud studies in Lizhansk. He justified the use of the Sephardi ritual for chassidim, which, he said, was preferable to the Ashkenazi for the pious who had attained a higher level of faith. He prevailed upon chassidim not to overreact to attacks upon them by the *mitnagdim*, their anti-chassidic Orthodox antagonists. Elimelech moderated disputes within chassidic circles.

Elimelech defined the duties of a chassidic leader. The tzaddik, he taught, was the leader of his followers in all spheres — not just the spiritual — of life, a counsellor, teacher, guardian, and, if necessary, a facilitator of livelihood. The tzaddik is on a higher spiritual plane than the seraphim, and can expect God to fulfil what he deems fit to decree, he wrote in his Noam Elimelech. The tzaddik, he also wrote, can subject himself to *neffillah*, descent in order to fulfil his mission of *tikkun*, restoring what has become evil back into good in order to facilitate the redemption of the world. The spiritual level that the tzaddik can return to after successful nefillah is more exalted than ever.

INPARSHAL WORDS: pigool

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. In this week's parsha Tsav, *pigool* suggests pig.

Pigool — abomination or abhorred thing — refers to the remains of the peace offering left uneaten after the third day. It suggests physical spoilage, corruption, and an irreversible fall from spirituality.

The recent Concise Oxford Dictionary traces pig only as far back as the Old English **pigga*. Even this is inconclusive. An asterisked origin in modern etymology means the word has been made up backwards from current theory. There is no real or written evidence that such a word ever existed. An older edition of the COD is more modest in its claims, tracing pig to the Middle English *pigge*; beyond, it is "of uncertain origin."

The pig exemplifies Judaism's taboos, both for the Bible's dietary prohibitions against it and for its habits. The Greco-Syrians' installation of a swine in the Temple of Jerusalem helped spark the Maccabean revolt some 2,200 years ago.

Evidence being gathered

Finta case moves to Budapest

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

The first case of Canada's 18-month war crimes legislation moved one step closer to trial recently when an evidence commission from the Canadian justice department began courtroom proceedings in Budapest concerning alleged Hungarian war criminal Imre Finta, of Toronto.

The evidence-gathering procedure is likely to last 5 to 6 weeks and is being held under tight security, initially at the main Budapest courthouse and then in the provincial town of Szeged, said justice department spokesman Yvan Roy.

A Hungarian magistrate court judge is presiding at both locales as RCMP agents videotape testimony from 22 elderly Holocaust survivors, all unable to travel to Canada. By court order, the proceedings will remain classified until the trial, with a ban on the media's publication of the witnesses' names or details of testimony.

An earlier session — to hear from seven witnesses in Israel — was conducted in Tel Aviv from Jan. 30 to Feb. 7. The commission's two videotapes and transcripts will likely be key Crown evidence at the trial, scheduled to begin in Toronto at the end of September.

Pre-trial motions, including one testing the constitutionality of the 1987 war crimes amendment to the Criminal Code, will be heard on June 5; the jury selection will take place on Sept. 25.

The evidence commission consists of retired Ontario Supreme Court Judge William Dupont, crown prosecutors Christopher Amerasinghe and Tom Lemon, defence attorney Doug Christie and his assistant Heniz Koppe of the British Columbia Free Speech League, a court reporter and two Hungarian interpreters.

The 8-point indictment alleges that as an officer in the Hungarian police, Finta in 1944 forcibly confined 8,617 Jews in the city of Szeged, 160 kms south of Budapest, stealing their money and valuables.

Pleaded not guilty

The charges also allege Finta kidnapped and transported Jews out of Hungary and was guilty of manslaughter in the deaths of an unspecified number of deportees during transport on overcrowded cattlecars bound for concentration camps.

He has pleaded not guilty and is free on $100,000 bail.

Finta, 77, arrived in Canada in the early 1950s and later became the owner of a popular Toronto restaurant, the Moulin Rouge on Dupont St., frequented by government officials and celebrities like Maurice Chevalier and Louis Armstrong.

He was arrested by RCMP agents in Hamilton on Dec. 9, 1987 as he waited to board a bus bound for the United States.

One month earlier he had lost a libel case to Sabina Citron of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association. Finta chose not to attend the trial to deny the Auschwitz survivor's allegations. After hearing six hours of testimony, justice Richard Holland made his views on Finta's wartime complicity clear, granting Citron a $30,000 default judgment.

The libel suit stemmed from a December 1982 press conference where Citron and Helen Smolack, co-founders of the CHRA, called on the Canadian government to take action against war criminals living in Canada.

Pressed by reporters to name names, in a subsequent press conference Citron cited Finta as someone who directed the deportation of Jews to concentration camps.

Finta responded to a Toronto Sun reporter, "I'm not a Nazi; they are telling awful dirty lies."

The Hungarian community in Canada has launched an appeal for a defence fund to defray Finta's legal expenses. The money is being collected at the Hungarian community centre in Toronto. Ironically the centre is housed in a former synagogue where meetings were held during the war years to protest against Nazi atrocities.

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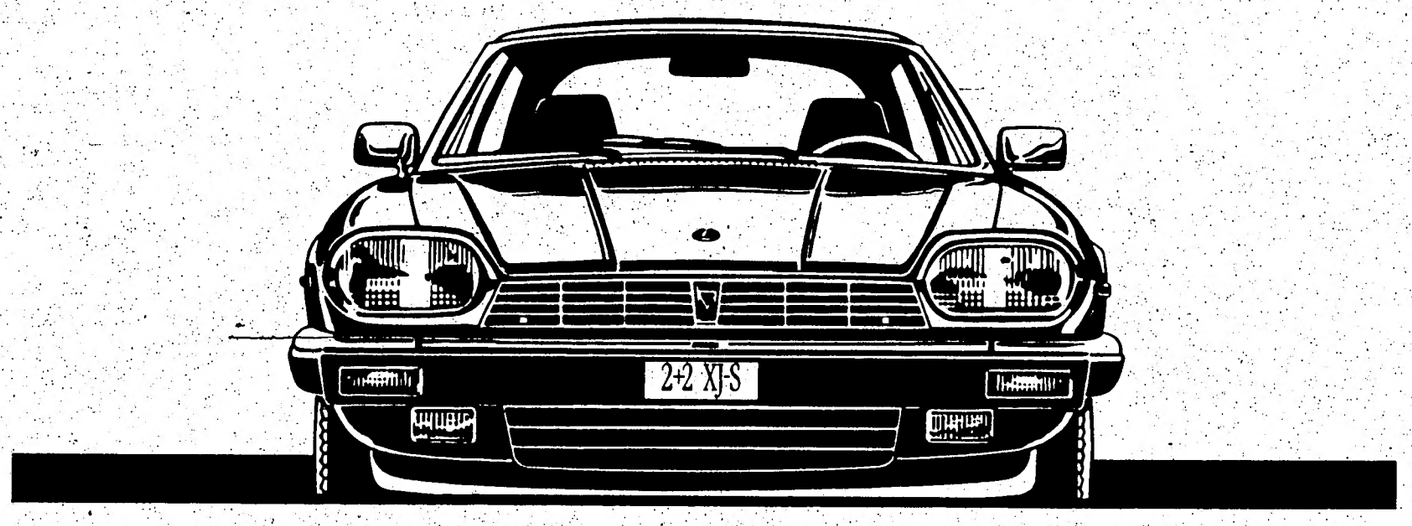

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Israel's other face: commercial growth

Media headlines suggest that Israel is preoccupied with the intifada to the exclusion of everything else. This may be correct on the level of national psychology but it is not the case in the daily operations of the state.

The commercial sector in Israel, we are happy to report, is expanding dynamically despite all the problems occasioned by the country's political dilemmas. According to Dov Gilor, writing in The Jewish Press, Israel businessmen are showing the way by pressing ahead in obtaining new contracts and work orders.

Vulcan Batteries, a subsidiary of Koor Industries, recently signed a deal to supply Subaru with its highly touted Volta battery. Meanwhile, Israel Aircraft Industries has now contracted with a French company to build a satellite, the Amos, which is scheduled to be launched in 1993.

Eldan, a medical research firm, has just begun to market an ultrasound device which maps the blood flow in the heart. This device is the second such technological advance; another instrument has already been developed by Eldan to pump blood during open heart surgery. The toy manufacturing firms of Lamda and Orda are currently negotiating with American companies to produce their lines of products in the United States.

Israeli factories engaged in the production of luggage items (Modan), electric generators (Luz), computer chips (Motorola), and shipyard technology are currently engaged in exploring contracts with large numbers of European and North American industries. In fact, Steven Jobs, the former president of Apple Computers, is using Israeli technology in his new computer, the Next.

Israeli products and technology are of such high quality that Russian, Japanese, and French business concerns are now making demarches to tap the skills of the Israeli industrial sector. The Academy of Science of the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan recently approached Israel's ministry of science to seek a regular exchange of scientific data.

It is perhaps premature to speak of Israel as the Switzerland of the Middle East. Nevertheless, the country's resourcefulness in developing a wide number of industrial and business products bodes well for Israel's economic wellbeing.

Rising bigotry, racism must be combatted

We note with much disquiet a painful upsurge of openly racist activity in North American society. The taboos against this phenomenon, once very strong on this continent, seem, as Tami Paikin Nolan observes in The Hamilton Spectator, unfortunately, to be easing.

A former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan has been elected to the state legislature in Louisiana. In St. Catharines, Ont., a meeting of agitated anglophones was recently told that the French are planning to take over Canada. Several in the audience agreed to the need to take up arms to protect English-speaking Canadians.

In London, Ont., a psychology professor has gone public with highly dubious theories about the superiority of Asians and whites over Blacks and has accepted speaking engagements from a white supremacist group in Toronto.

In Calgary two men were recently convicted for planning to blow up the Jewish community centre as well as the home of a prominent member of the Jewish community. A third member of the conspiracy was not brought to trial because he informed on his partners.

In Toronto a newspaper columnist recently stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy when he argued that only Canadians born in Canada should be allowed to stand for public office. In Halifax, it is reported, a high school has been forced to close because of clashes between white and Black students.

The source of this new boldness on the part of the bigots in our society is debatable. Racism may be a mutant offshoot of the conservatism that is fashionable in politics these days. Identifiable minorities are inevitably targeted when there are disruptions in the economic and social order of society.

Whatever the origins of the new intolerance that seems to be percolating through North America, governments have an obligation to see to it that the lunatic fringe of haters and bigots in our society is monitored, and controlled. The Criminal Code was designed specifically for this purpose.

Involves freedom of religion

Ruling has serious implications

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Dorothy Boeke and Jerold Simms of Denver, Colorado, took their marriage vows in 1980, they had no reason to believe they wouldn't be man and wife just six years later.

Theirs was an intermarriage in which Boeke, a Roman Catholic convert to Judaism, promised to raise their children as Jews.

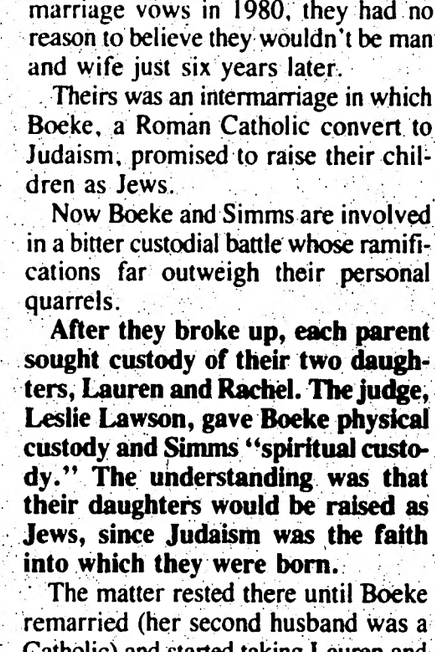
Now Boeke and Simms are involved in a bitter custodial battle whose ramifications far outweigh their personal quarrels.

After they broke up, each parent sought custody of their two daughters, Lauren and Rachel. The judge, Leslie Lawson, gave Boeke physical custody and Simms "spiritual custody." The understanding was that their daughters would be raised as Jews, since Judaism was the faith into which they were born.

The matter rested there until Boeke remarried (her second husband was a Catholic) and started taking Lauren and Rachel to mass on Sunday and hung a crucifix on the wall in each child's room, thereby contravening the court order.

Simms, who had taken the children to synagogue on Friday nights, went to court to complain, asking the judge to grant him custody of the children.

Simms' attorney argued that Rachel and Lauren couldn't be Jews on Friday night and Catholics on Sunday morning. The children, he said, were "getting very confused." Simms had said that such an upbringing would be psychologically harmful to Lauren and Rachel.



Jerold Simms

Boeke's lawyer said his client wanted them to learn about Christianity without undermining their belief in Judaism.

Boeke declared in contempt of court

Lawson declared Boeke in contempt of court for not rearing Lauren and Rachel in the Jewish faith, and threatened to send her to prison unless she complied with the original custodial order, The New York Times reports.

The ruling touches on every aspect of the First Amendment — freedom of religion, of speech and of association — and similar cases are expected in the future.

Dorothy Boeke with her daughers, Lauren (left) and Rachel Simms.

According to Egon Mayer of Brooklyn College, there are now 375,000 Jewish-Christian couples in the U.S., more than half of whom were married in the past 20 years, and the numbers are growing.

More such cases are bound to crop up in the future.

Meanwhile, Boeke regrets she ever married Simms. "I should have listened to my mother," she was quoted as saying. "Mixed marriages just don't work."

$1 MILLION LAWSUIT

Another interesting case is coursing its way through the court system.

Jose Faur, a former teacher at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, claims the institution breached his contract by admitting women as candidates for rabbinical ordination. He's filed a $1 million suit against the New York City school.

Faur launched the suit in 1985. He charged that "contrary to Jewish law, contrary to the opinion of its senior Talmud faculty and contrary to the (seminary's) procedures," the seminary had admitted females for a course leading to rabbinical ordination.

By admitting women in 1984, Faur contended, the seminary broke its contract with him and precluded him from performing services as a professor of rabbinics.

In its defence, the seminary said it had the right to amend its admission policy without regard to the religious or ideological convictions of its staff.

Recently, a court dismissed Faur's accusations, The Jewish Week of New York reports. But Faur, who has since left the seminary, has appealed.

BE CAREFUL

In September of 1982, a customer in the La Belle Epoque restaurant in Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, complained that his veal chop was too tough.

Arthur Green, a wealthy Miami businessman and former vice-president of Temple Israel, overheard this conversation, which involved an acquaintance. The next day, Green sent Denis Rety, the proprietor, a letter. Rety phoned Green and the pair engaged in a heated exchange. Green then wrote a letter accusing Rety of anti-semitism, and threatened to put him out of business, according to an Associated Press account.

The letter charged Rety with calling Green "a rotten, stinking Jew," among other anti-semitic references. Green distributed it to the mayor, vice-mayor and president of a 1,000-member condominium association that has many Jewish members.

The repercussions were swift.

The South Florida Hotel and Motel Association criticized Rety, while the Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce stopped holding its meetings at his restaurant.

Rety's business declined, and he was forced into bankruptcy.

In 1986, a court ruled that Rety had been libelled and his business ruined by Green. He was awarded $22.5 million. The award was then reduced, prompting Rety to appeal. Recently, Green was ordered to pay Rety $5.5 million. The court said that evidence attesting to Rety's alleged anti-semitism had been "completely fabricated." Green hasn't decided whether he'll appeal.

INNOVATORS

Harvey Berin and Benjamin Shaw, both of whom died recently, were pioneers in the American fashion trade.

Berin was part of a group of New York dress manufacturers on Seventh Ave. who helped break France's stranglehold on the American industry. After World War II, he and innovators like Mollie Parnis, Nettie Rosenstein and Herbert Sondheim decided the time had come for the U.S. to challenge France's monopoly. They produced stylish, expensive dresses with vast sex appeal.

Beginning his career in the garment district as a shipping clerk, Berin opened his company in 1922 and, except for a very brief period during the Depression, never looked back.

Sales peaked at $4.5 million in 1963, before the days of licencing and the addition of inexpensive collections. Berin attributed his success to "being in the business almost longer than anybody else."

He was 90 when he died of heart failure at his home in Manhattan.

Like Berin, Shaw was a dress manufacturer. Shaw entered the trade at an early age, and in 1925, he became a partner in Wieman, Wilkes & Shaw. The company declared bankruptcy when the stock market crashed, but in 1935, Shaw started Elfreda, a dress house that prospered until his retirement in 1954.

After that, Shaw became a financial backer and advisor to leading designers like Geoffrey Beene, Donald Brooks, Oscar de la Renta and Halston. He never encouraged a homogeneous look, but urged each designer to express himself in his clothes.

"He could not make a pattern, but he could tell whether a dress worked," his son, Gerald, president of Oscar de la Renta, said. "He had a talent for spotting talent — he really appreciated good design."

Shaw was 90 when he succumbed to a brain tumor in Manhattan.

Opinion

Jewish singer grew up in loving family

Optimism, perkiness are still Dinah Shore hallmarks

The CJN's New York theatre critic GERRY MORRIS brings us another in his series of Jewish stars of the entertainment business. This time, it's Dinah Shore.

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Dinah Shore with The CJN's Gerry Morris.

LOS ANGELES —

When I told my friends about my assignment to interview Dinah Shore, they responded with similiar epithets such as "a Renaissance lady," "very natural and intelligent," and "what's that fountain of youth she sips from?"

Well, I came, I saw and I concurred, joining the ranks of an endless parade of admirers. After spending a morning with the dynamic Dinah, in what she told me was her first in-depth interview in 10 years, I understood what has made her one of America's best-loved entertainers.

For the interview, we met at her Beverly Hills residence, an airy home with high cathedral windows. I was waiting in the Garden Room when Dinah stepped out all tanned and neat, her makeup slight but perfect, in a simple but spiffy off-white pant suit. Framed by tossed blond hair, her face showed a few creases and laugh lines, but that didn't mar what remains a striking beauty. There was a wonderful zest about her — a springtime feeling.

As Dinah sat down to talk, her pet Shih-Tzu, Muffin, nestled against her feet, completing the homey decor. Staring out the wall of windows that overlooked a swimming pool and beyond that a tennis court, of which she has made good use over the years, she mused over my first question: "Yes I would like to do another television show," she said. "I belong in television and I'm not doing that now. It's a medium I enjoy. I guess it's the hambone in me.

"I don't think our show would make it today," she said referring to her last TV show, *Dinah*, a 90-minute talk show. "Things are so sensational, we'd have to be really wildly controversial in the subject matter or in personality. I'm not a prude, but some of the tasteless things I see and hear today in television are appalling. They're reaching for the bottom of the barrel and they're trying to see who can get there first.

"You know television is a microscope. I couldn't assume a different personality on camera," she said "I wouldn't know how."

Being herself on TV kept Dinah on highly-rated shows such as *Dinah's Place* and *Dinah*, for over 20 years. From 1956 to 1961, she ruled the Sunday airwaves telling millions of Americans to "see the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet," then throwing kisses (M-M-M-W-A!A!) at the end of every show. And there were kisses back to her from George Gallup who repeatedly listed her on his poll as one of the 10 most admired women in the world.

But there were holdouts. Oscar Levant once remarked: "I can't watch Dinah Shore. My doctor won't let me. I'm a diabetic."

How has she maintained that wholesome personna for so many years? Does she ever get angry or even frown?

"I sure do, that's the way you maintain it," she said in her best Tennessee twang. "I feel deeply and of course I get depressed. We all do. But there's a weird thing that happens with a basic optimist. If it's a bummer I can't wait till I get to the bottom of it, because when I do I know I'm going to turn the corner, and there's going to be something absolutely wonderful that is going to raise my spirits and I'll be elated again. It's hard to explain . . . but you do turn that corner."

Though she grew up in a loving family, Dinah had to overcome many hardships as a child. Being part of the only Jewish family in a small Tennessee town, she received many anti-semitic barbs; then there was the loss of her mother when she was 14; and a bout with polio that left her with a painful limp. "Fortunately, I was blessed with parents who could get me proper treatment at the right time," she recalled. "I kept it a dark secret from my friends for fear they would not play with me. So I think that probably led to a lot of my athletic drive."

From her mother, who Dinah told me, had a marvelous mezzosoprano voice, she inherited her natural singing ability. In fact, it's often been said that Dinah must have Black blood because she sings the blues so well. "Yes, I've heard that," she told me. "I used to have a Black nursemaid named Lillian Taylor, whom I called Ya-Ya when I was a child. She taught me to croon and even took me to church on Sundays to hear the congregation sing spirituals. I found it electrifying. At home, my father played Caruso, and I would listen to blues and jazz on the radio along with the Grand Ol' Opry. It was an interesting combination of sounds, and gave me my basic jazz background.

When Dinah's father, Solomon, the Russian immigrant son of a rabbi, arrived in Winchester, Tennessee, to open a small department store, a local banker advised him not to try. It seems that a previous Jewish merchant, unable to withstand the prejudice, had not lasted long. However, Dinah's father prevailed — and his daughter apparently inherited his strength. He later told a young Dinah, "I don't mind you singing, but there's got to be something in your head when the music stops."

So Dinah graduated from college and headed to the Big Apple to job-hunt. Any offers? "Yes," she replied without skipping a beat, "from my father to come home."

Determination soon subdued terror and she landed a non-paying job with WNEW radio as a fill-in, teamed with an Italian boy named Frank Sinatra. ("He called me Magnolia Blossom.") The Dinah part of her name came from disc jockey, Martin Block, who forgot her name (Fanny Rose Shore) but remembered that she sang a song titled *Dinah*.

But the big break came on Eddie Cantor's radio show, *Time To Smile*, in 1940. She delighted in telling how it all happened: "For the audition I was a nervous wreck. But I sang and sang everything I knew. After an hour I said is that it? And they said, no, just a little more. Shortly after, this spare, beautiful little man walked out and said, 'Forgive me for making you sing so long, but I figure it's the last time I'm ever going to hear you for nothing.'

"That was Eddie's way of telling me I had the job," Dinah continued. "Eddie even wrote and assured Daddy that he would watch over me."

While on Cantor's show Dinah honed her comedic skills working with Milton Berle at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. One night, between shows, Dinah went out into the audience to watch the movie, *The Cowboy and The Lady*, starring George Montgomery.

"I fell madly in love with George," she said, "and vowed, 'I'm going to marry him. I just have to, he's so beautiful.' " The rest is marital history. "It was a very eventful time in my life," she added.

Her recording career skipped ahead on fast-forward. Putting her throaty contralto behind such standards as *Skylark, He's My Guy, It's So Nice To Have A Man Around The House*, Dinah catapulted to Queen of the Juke Boxes.

When told that John Crosby, one of the toughest critics of his time, once referred to her as "the Joe Di Maggio of singers, a complete switch hitter who can tackle any song," she laughingly answered, 'Singing is the thing I do best and it's wonderful not to be taken for granted. People like Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen were the bedrock of the kind of music that I did throughout my career because they wrote the blues. But nobody was better than Lorenz Hart."

Certainly she was the First Lady of popular song with GIs during World War II when she exhaustively entertained troops; she's probably flown in more bombers than any woman alive. At the end of one tour in Germany, Bob Hope said of her, "Benzedrine takes Dinah Shore to stay awake."

As for her film career, Dinah admitted that the big part passed her by when she lost out on the role of Julie in Jerome Kern's *Showboat*, a loss that still burns in her memory. "Lena Horne and I were both trying to get the same part (the part went to Ava Gardner). Come to think of it, it's funny because in all these years, Lena and I never talked about it.

"I bombed as a movie star," she said, summing up her 8-picture career. "I failed for a lot of reasons — the most important being that I'm not particularly photogenic."

Could have fooled me!

Reynolds, Shore sing each other's praises

In 1981, at a Burt Reynolds Friars Club gala, Dinah, who was then involved with Burt, offered this topper to the overflow crowd: "Burt Reynolds has done more for little old ladies in tennis shoes than anyone else I know," she said, raising her long gown to reveal sneakers. Reynolds gallantly answered, "Lady, I don't know what I've done for little old ladies in tennis shoes, but you knock my socks off."

In fact, Dinah's innate sense of humor saw her through the more somber moments. One of the worst was the collapse of her 18-year marriage to George Montgomery in 1962, though they are friendly today.

Throughout the interview the word "golf" invariably wove its way into the conversation, regardless of subject matter. "I've found places on most golf courses they didn't know they had," she said in her typical lighthearted way. Dinah was the first single woman accepted by the Hillcrest Country Club, "probably because I had a golf tournament in my name," she said.

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A painter of some skill, she has a studio in this home and one at her Malibu Beach retreat. Then there's her home in Palm Springs, right on the grounds of the site of the Nabisco-Dinah Shore Invitational, the richest golf championship on the Ladies Professional circuit.

Unlike many stars who claim that material wealth doesn't matter to them or who complain about never finding time to enjoy their comfortable lifestyles, Dinah claimed that she enjoys her three homes and her free time.

"I love it," she said. "I've worked hard for what I have. And there isn't anything that I have that's taken away from anybody else to achieve what I have." Her brown eyes flashed when she stated: "I am happiest when my loved ones are with me."

Family includes daughter Melissa (40) and her three grandchildren and son Jody (26). "Single people need that support of a family structure," said Dinah. "Friends become family. Not nouveau friends, but friends who have seen you through your various crises.

"I like women and I have great women friends, and I have men friends who are friends without being romantically involved — but deeply involved in my life. And vive la difference!" When Dinah's on the East Coast, former New York Governor Hugh Carey is her favorite date.

Work these days entails concerts and no-charge benefits, including events that support Israel. In 1980, Dinah led the 3rd annual Hebrew University Caravan to Israel, accompanied by special friends such as Eydie Gorme and Steve Lawrence. Highlights included Shore performing with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and meeting with top officials at a state dinner held in their honor, where Dinah was given the Ben-Gurion University Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Los Angeles region of Hebrew University Friends has honored her with a Scopus Award for "high standards in a chosen profession and action on behalf of humanitarian causes."

A supporter of Israel, Dinah told me, "Why not? Israel's our most important ally in that area and possibly any area and the only dependable government in the Middle East."

The recipient of many awards, including 10 Emmys, 9 Gold Records, the Peabody Award, and Woman of the Year, Dinah's active, writing a third cookbook and doing TV commercials. "Work's my blue blanket and I don't want to lose that anchor," she said. Her first cookbook, *Someone's In The Kitchen With Dinah*, is in its 21st printing ("I accused them of printing 10 at a time.")

Dinah obviously loves food, and as I discovered, talking about food. "When we do have dessert I allow myself a spoonful," Dinah said, "so I can savor it without feeling cheated. I use that old trick of chewing everything carefully . . . it takes longer to eat that way and it cuts down on intake. And don't take seconds."

At least five times a week, she rises at 6.30 a.m., gets into sweats ("no fooling around either") and takes a 3-mile walk through the hills of her neighborhood.

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In 1986, after a 30-year absence, Dinah returned to her home town of Winchester for a homecoming event. 'We wouldn't ask you to sing," an official said to Dinah, who quickly answered, "What makes you think you could have escaped it?"

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I'll make a confession. I would like to have called this article "A Love Letter To Dinah Shore" because she is so genuinely sincere and likeable — characteristics that make her one of the few stars whose press agent's blurbs are true. Wouldn't you love to be that Someone In The Kitchen With Dinah — no matter how briefly? The answer for me would be found in the exalted words of Ira Gershwin, 'Who could ask for anything more."

Opinion

Triumph of pragmatism over ideology

Israel-Egypt peace accord shopworn but useable

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

On a cloudy afternoon in Washington on March 26, 1979, Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel, culminating a process that had begun in 1977 when Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian president, broke ranks with the Arab world and visited Jerusalem.

The treaty, still a singular event in the Middle East, was made possible by the courage of Sadat, the persistence of President Jimmy Carter and the farsightedness of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Under its terms, Israel pledged to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula over a 3-year period, Egypt promised to end its state of war with Israel, Egypt and Israel vowed to establish "normal and friendly relations" and both sides agreed on a framework for an accord on Palestinian autonomy.

Greeted with joy by Israelis, the treaty was thoroughly condemned by Arabs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf. Arab states severed diplomatic relations with Egypt and expelled Egypt from the Arab League. In a rage, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat threatened to "chop off the hands" of Sadat, Carter and Begin. Huffing and puffing, the Soviet Union described the treaty as a devious maneuver by Israel to perpetuate its occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

Ten years after the euphoria and uproar, the treaty remains intact, somewhat worse for wear, but durable nevertheless.

Israel and Egypt are at peace, and Arab and Soviet outrage has dissipated. Despite several convulsions in the region since 1979, Israel and Egypt have remained steadfast in their support of the treaty. All but three Arab countries — Syria, Libya and Lebanon — have restored relations with Egypt, and Arafat has resigned himself to Egypt's ties with Israel. The Soviet Union, too, has finally accepted its permanence.

The point was brilliantly illustrated last month. In an effort to play a major role in the Mideast peace process, the Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, visited Egypt. In Cairo, he met separately with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Arafat. By climaxing his trip in Egypt, Moscow not only conferred legitimacy on the treaty, but moved closer to fully normalizing its relations with Israel.

Before he left Cairo, Arens held a meeting with Mubarak, invited Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismat Abdel Maguid to visit Israel (he accepted), visited a cooperative farm where Israeli technicians train Egyptian agronomists in the use of drip irrigation, and learned that the Taba territorial dispute, a 6-year irritant in Israel's relations with Egypt, had at last been resolved.

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By any yardstick, the Israel-Egypt peace treaty is a triumph of pragmatism over ideology.

Egypt, the heartland of the Arab world, entered into the process after careful consideration. Egypt, having fought Israel in five wars, concluded that its sacrifices in blood and treasure had been wasted: Israel was as strong as ever, and the gnawing Palestinian question was still on the agenda. Sadat, after being assured by Israel that it would relinquish the Sinai, went to Jerusalem and addressed the Knesset. Turbulent negotiations followed.

The U.S. was intimately involved in all its phases, as it had been in the 1974 and 1975 disengagement accords between Israel and Egypt. From the start, Sadat realized that the continued flow of U.S. economic and military assistance to Egypt depended in large part on Egypt's ability to make peace with Israel.

Israel had its own reasons for desiring a rapprochement with Egypt. The Israelis sought any opening to the Arab world, hoping that it would embolden other Arab nations to reconsider their hostile position toward Israel. Israel also wanted to neutralize Egypt — the most powerful Arab nation. And Begin thought that if he returned Sinai, the clamor for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank would somehow fade away.

By themselves, Israel and Egypt were unable to work out the details of a treaty. Sadat, during his 1977 trip to Israel, had spoken of the psychological barriers that held up the advent of peace in the Middle East. And now, in their on-again-off-again talks, Israel and Egypt repeatedly ran into such roadblocks.

Carter, who had taken a consuming interest in the problem, broke the ice. In 13 days at the Camp David presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains, the Israelis and the Egyptians hammered out an agreement with the help of the Americans.

Israel and Egypt had their own special expectations.

•Egypt, never having given up its sponsorship of the Palestinian cause, assumed that the treaty would result in genuine autonomy for the Palestinians in the territories. It did not consider the treaty as separate and distinct from the Palestinian framework.

•Israel regarded it as an event in itself, and for all practical purposes severed the link between the treaty and the framework for Palestinian autonomy.

Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter and Menachem Begin cap signing of Israel-Egypt peace treaty on March 26, 1979. [AP photo]

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shakes hands with then Prime Minister Shimon Peres at a summit meeting in Alexandria. [IPPA photo]

Eliahu Ben Elissar ... first ambassador.

What happened then could have been foretold:

Egypt, believing that Israel was insincere about granting real autonomy to the Palestinians, dragged its feet on the clauses in the treaty relating to normalization — thereby disappointing Israel.

Autonomy talks involving Israel, Egypt and the U.S., but not the Palestinians or Jordan, had gotten under way in 1979. By 1981, they had bogged down completely. The problem was elementary: By insisting that the Palestinians were entitled to judicial rights, the Egyptians led the Israelis to think that Egypt favored some form of Palestinian sovereignty on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — a notion they vehemently opposed, and still do.

The sour mood engendered by these uneventful negotiations had a direct, chilling effect on Israel's bilateral relations with Egypt.

The first Israeli ambassador in Cairo, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, was all but shunned by unofficial Egyptians. But the coolness he encountered was not just a function of Israel's Palestinian policy. Sadat's posture toward Israel was not shared by all sectors of the population — particularly Moslem fundamentalists, left-wing politicians and the majority of intellectuals, who believed that Sadat's policies were grievously wrong.

Egypt also recoiled at real normalization out of fear that it would imperil future relations with the Arab world.

Israel's destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor near Baghdad and its subsequent annexation of the Golan Heights embittered Egypt still further.

The 1982 Lebanon War triggered deep indignation throughout Egypt, and the Sabra and Chatila massacre impelled Egypt to recall its ambassador, Saad Murtada. Not until 1986 would Egypt reassign an ambassador to Israel.

Due to all these factors, there was, and still is, a striking absence of warmth in Israel's relationship with Egypt.

Observers in Israel refer to it as the "cold peace."

Although swarms of Israeli tourists descend on Egypt, pitifully few Egyptians have visited Israel. Deliberate administrative measures discourage such trips. Cultural exchanges are non-existent, and though aviation, agricultural and scientific agreements have been signed, Israel's trade with Egypt remains relatively unimportant. (Israel buys about 60% of its oil from Egypt, but 2-way trade is insignificant.)

—Semi-official and official attacks on Israel, Zionism and Jews by the Egyptian media serve to exacerbate Israel's feeling that Egypt is not living up to the conditions of the treaty.

And the assassination of two Israelis, diplomat Albert Atrackchi and trade fair official Eti Tal-Or, who were murdered in 1985 and 1986, heightened tensions, even though the Egyptian government condemned the attacks.

The Palestinian uprising has inflamed the situation. Egypt, in harsh diplomatic notes, has protested "the brutal, oppressive measures taken by Israel against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories." Egypt maintains that Israel's crackdown "threatens the path to peace."

Egypt has consistently criticized Israel for its stance toward the Palestinians, the PLO (Egypt recognized the Palestine National Council's declaration of independence in Algiers last November) and the territories.

Israel has grievances as well.

•In 1985, a berserk Egyptian border guard in the Sinai shot to death seven Israeli tourists, who bled to death because of Egypt's tardy response. Egyptian newspapers hailed the assassin as a "hero."

•In 1987, the minister of defence, Gen. Abdel Halim Abu-Ghazala, caused immense consternation when he declared that Israel was Egypt's "main enemy" and that Egypt must be prepared for a war with Israel. Egyptian denials soothed Israel, but the damage had already been done. Since then, a Cairo-Jerusalem hotline has been established.

•Osama Al Baz, Mubarak's chief advisor, was quoted as saying in an Arabic newspaper published in London that the 1979 peace treaty does not supercede Egypt's pan-Arab responsibilities.

Al Baz said: "We consider that our main commitment emanates from the Arab League charter, the Joint Arab Defence Pact (of 1950) and the Arab common market... There is nothing called normalization... There is no special relationship between Egypt and Israel. There is a beginning in terms of establishing a peace model between Israel and the Arab states..."

Cairo seems committed to treaty

•Taha el-Farnawany, the head of the Palestine desk at Egypt's foreign ministry, has been quoted as saying that the treaty "undermines peace, because it is a partial agreement leading to a partial peace."

•On Israel's 40th Independence Day, not a single Egyptian official appeared at the Israeli embassy in Cairo. Nor did Mubarak bother to send a congratulatory message to Jerusalem.

•Last September, in the Gulf of Eilat, an Egyptian coast guard vessel rammed an Israeli excursion boat, prompting Israeli Defence Ministyer Yitzhak Rabin to lament that such things shouldn't happen between two friendly nations.

•In an editorial, the semi-official Cairo daily, Al Akbar, blamed Israel for the Dec. 21, 1988 Pan American airplane crash over Scotland. After Palestinian infiltrators killed six Israeli soldiers in the Galilee in November of 1987, several Egyptian newspapers praised the attack.

Despite all these unpleasant episodes, Egypt seems firmly committed to maintaining the treaty. Like his flamboyant predecessor, whose assassination in 1981 was partly attributable to his unwavering support of the treaty, Mubarak has repeatedly rejected demands by opponents to jettison it.

By the same token, he has not taken personal steps to enhance it. Last December, after a flurry of speculation that he would visit Israel for the first time, Mubarak squashed the rumors by saying that he would not do so unless Israel initiated talks with the PLO.

Mubarak, however, has hosted top-ranking Israeli officials — from ex-President Yitzhak Navon to former Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Throughout the decade, the border between Israel and Egypt has been relatively quiet. The most serious infiltration occurred last March, when PLO gunmen killed three Israeli civilians on a bus near Beersheba. In response to Israeli requests, Egypt has increased surveillance of the long desert frontier.

In practice, the treaty has not worked out ideally. But, for Israel, the alternative would be far worse. For all its defects, it is still the only game in town.

Opinion

Anyway, snowbirds need a sense of humor

Florida is not typical America, but . . .

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I'm back two weeks now from my Florida confinement and I'm not yet fully readjusted to the orderliness and satisfying way of life at home: Toronto, Ontario, that is.

Let me confess, that when in Florida I become a Canadian super-patriot. . . .

J. B. Salsberg

A Montreal reader complained that I am too critical of Florida and suggested that I stop "whining" about that winter haven for so many Canadians.

To him I would suggest that he stop being so devoid of a sense of humor. For heavens sake, man, have you never heard of humor, of satire? How did a stranger like that wander into our blessed corner?

He made the melodramatic declaration that no matter what I say about Florida he will go there again next winter. To which I reply: good luck, my friend, look me up in Hollywood, Florida next winter and I'll do my best to get you to smile. . . .

Having swept that aside, let's now turn to Florida, U.S.A. and to America at large.

The U.S. is, of course, no nation like others. It is a State, a political entity that is still in its formative stage as a nation. Florida and, say, Minnesota are worlds apart — not only in terms of climate but in social, economic, linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

During my vacation the media there were preoccupied with a Senate committee hearing of a politician who had been appointed to a cabinet post by the President. In Canada such a matter would have been handled simply and gentlemanly in good "British style." But in the U.S. the poor fellow was grilled, before the eyes and ears of the entire world, about an alleged "crime" of having been a heavy drinker and a "womanizer," whatever that means.

But what's a "drinker?" Like Sir John A. Macdonald, the beloved and revered founding father of Canada's Confederation? Who cares whether Macdonald entered the House of Commons somewhat inebriated from time to time? We have monuments of Sir John A. in every city and town in the country!

Or this business of "womanizing." Just what is that label? Is it to liken a "womanizer" to King David or to his world-famous son, Solomon, who, according to Jewish history, had no less than 2,000 (two thousand) wives? We sing praises to David the King to this day and are actually praying for the return of the glories of David's kingdom. We're civilized, no?

Are American politicians backward, or are they just hypocrites?

On the other hand, those same vocally moralistic politicians were less than roaring lions when hundreds of Savings and Loan (S&L) institutions went bankrupt, sinking millions of small investors. The Miami Herald, Feb. 8/89, praised President Bush for his "$90 billion proposal for a public-private bailout of the nation's fraud-ridden savings and loan industry. . . ."

Nor did I read or hear while there about the crime waves that crowd the prisons to the bursting point. The Miami Herald's leading editorial of Feb. 10 was captioned: "Build those prisons." What a solution to crime!

On the other hand America's veneration of "private enterprise" is so sacrosanct that the Miami Herald of Feb. 15 reported: "Stock offered in legal brothel" (in the state of Nevada, where prostitution is legal in most of the state.)

But all that is only a minor part of the U.S. social and political picture.

America, despite all its shady sides, is still a bastion of liberal-democratic freedom. It is still a land of opportunity that attracts not only the rich and the would-be rich but mainly the poor, the hungry, the politically persecuted and the religiously discriminated. Many of those unfulfilled members of humanity "walk" across its guarded borders, sail towards its shores in leaky, unsafe vessels or swim towards it, at the risk of drowning, before they reach the shores of their promised land.

America is still suffering from discrimination against the Black people. But, it has gone some distance towards the integration of all its varied parts. Blacks are now mayors of major U.S. cities. Though yet in insufficient numbers Black people have and are moving up in every area of the American legislative, administrative, educational and artistic spheres. Slow, yes, slow; but the trend is promising.

America is also the home of some 6 million Jews who, despite inner divisions, have begun to exercise a vital and beneficial role in confronting Jewish problems around the world. There has never been a Jewish centre like the one that exists in the U.S. at the end of the 20th century.

Thus we end the 1989 Florida season. As for Israel, I have an idea how to attract more North American Jews for next winter. I'll reveal that plan soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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KAHN'S COLUMN IS "INSENSITIVE"

At a time when the plight of the homeless in Canada is reaching crisis proportions, I find Elaine Kahn's March 2 column highly insensitive.

It is in poor taste to liken, even in jest, her Richmond Hill abode to the cardboard shelters of the homeless.

Ms. Kahn should stick to the topic of her family, rather than turning her humor to a sad and disadvantaged group in society.

Gilda Berger
Toronto

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KAHN'S COLUMN IS "INSULTING"

Kahn's March 2 column demonstrated her ignorance and tastelessness.

Purporting to discuss the plight of the homeless and hungry, she went on airing her concerns about rising suburban house prices and the difficulties in finding household help.

To suggest that owners of BMWs need assistance from food banks is insulting to the unfortunate who must depend on charity for their basic daily needs.

Dr. Michael Gordon
Toronto

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JEWISH JOKE "SEXIST, RACIST"

Re Bill Gladstone's Feb. 23 article headed "Prof attempts to solve Jewish joke questions":

He quotes Dov Noy, professor of Hebrew folklore at Hebrew University, as saying in a Toronto speech there are four identifying traits of Jewish jokes: They took place in Jewish space, in Jewish time, involved a Jewish person, and had a special message.

The illustrative joke Noy told concerned a Yemenite Jewish man in Israel, who sees an elderly woman enter an elevator, and sees a beautiful young blonde woman come out. He tells the doorman he is going home to get his wife, and then complains of discrimination when his wife does not turn into a beautiful young blonde.

The joke does not take place in Jewish time, but it definitely does have a message. The message is racist and sexist.

It is racist, because it implies that Yemenites are fools who do not understand modern society and who complain, wrongly, about discrimination.

It is sexist because it implies that all Jewish women are ugly hags.

The unquestioned assumption of the joke, of course, is that all Jewish men, regardless of their own physical appearance, feel entitled to beautiful, young, blonde wives, and that any woman who is not young, blonde, and beautiful is worthless.

My only question is: What is particularly Jewish about racism and sexism? Surely they are common to all cultures.

Reva Landau
Toronto

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RAPS BURAK'S "RABBINIC EPITHETS"

Re Rabbi Moses Burak's March 2 column attacking Jews, either inside Israel or in the Diaspora, who dissent from the policies of the government of Israel on the West Bank and Gaza:

I find Burak's pronouncements irresponsible and reprehensible.

The vision of Israel articulated by these dissenters is legitimate and deserves to be heard. Its proponents will not, and should not, be silenced by having rabbinic epithets hurled at them, nor by impugning their motives merely because they have not also pointed out the inequities on the other side.

We will not become an *am echad* (one people) if criticism of Israel is persistently suspected as yet another form of betrayal or self-denial.

As Abba Eban recently wrote: "There is, of course, a view of patriotism which requires that one must always defend one's country's interests. But the highest patriotism is one that also defends one's country's values."

Jonathan L. Richler
Toronto

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BIBLE OKAYS ANIMAL SACRIFICE

Re Helen Korolak's March 9 letter headed "Booby-trapped dogs immoral":

Korolak quotes Gandhi, the great pacifist. India, where the cow is sacred and the population worships a multitude of deities, has a culture as foreign to Judaism as the ancient Egyptians' cat worship.

As for Judaism and the expression, *tsaar baalei hayim*, just look into the Scriptures. From times immemorial, our ancestors sacrificed animals (sheep, goats) in the First Temple and the Second Temple. Only with the destruction of the Second Temple did this practice cease.

And what about the *kapara*, the symbolic sacrifice of hens (for females) and capons (for males) on Yom Kippur, a custom prevalent to this day? Do these animals enjoy the ritual?

If I were a field commander in the Israel Defence Forces, I would have behaved just as the patriarch Abraham did on Higher Command: Desist from sacrificing his son, Isaac and substitute a ram. (Genesis XXII).

Is that immoral? Is the life of a young soldier less precious than a dog's? The choice is obvious. No contest.

Dina Shohat
Toronto

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SEEKS FORMER REFUGEE KIDS

The Jewish Children's Bureau of Chicago is seeking to contact individuals involved with the Agency as part of the resettlement of European children and youth during the period 1933 to 1953.

If you were involved with JCB as a foster parent, professional or were a resettled child/youth during this period, please contact Dr. Ruth Stock Zober or Charlotte Dolins-Lozano at (312) 444-2090.

Robert B. Bloom
Chicago

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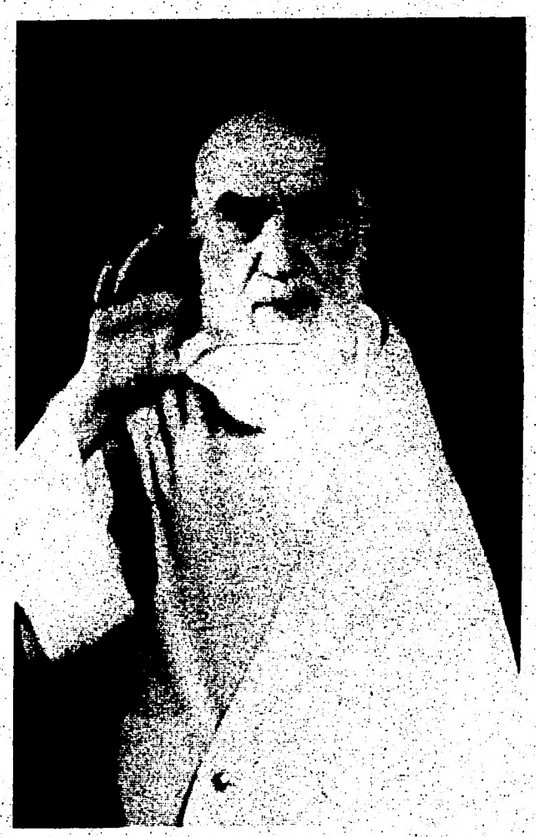

Reader equates the PLO with the Muslim mentality of Ayatollah Khomeini who passed death sentence on the author of Satanic Verses.

KHOMEINI REFLECTS PLO BARBARISM

The liberal, well-meaning Peace Now Jews who'd rather play nice guy than tough guy and say, "Let's make a deal with the PLO," refuse to face the reality of the Palestinian attitude toward bloodshed.

They forget that the Arabs repeatedly execute their own citizens, that Syria destroyed 15,000 of its people in Hama, that Iraq killed 5,000 Kurds with poison gas, that Jordan massacred 10,000 Palestinians in Black September, that Lebanon is a blood bath, or that Saudi Arabia shot 400 Iranians in Mecca.

You've all heard the story of the scorpion who destroyed his means of salvation thereby drowning himself. Why so? Because it was the Middle East.

The Arabs have been destroying themselves for 40 years in the hope of destroying Israel. Why so? Because it's the Middle East.

The Western mind can't comprehend this mentality: this irrationality. It is beyond its ken. The Arabs march to another drummer, namely the collectivity of tribe and kin and religion.

They are a bloodthirsty people. They cheer at public executions and when terrorist acts resulting in deaths are announced.

The most recent obscenity is Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence on the author of *Satanic Verses*. How barbaric to the Western mind! But all Muslims, even those living in the West, support it, saying that having insulted their beliefs, he should die.

It is to these people that Israel is asked to entrust its children. Would you?

Theodore Belman
Toronto

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KUDOS TO SILBERMAN

Re Belinda Silberman's March 2 article headed "StatsCan slammed for ethnic group statistics" and subheaded "Jewish stereotypes will be perpetuated, says BB official":

I would like to thank her for sending to me at Statistics Canada a copy of her report on our interview. It was a thoughtful courtesy not often extended to us by the press.

I would also like to commend her for the accurate manner in which she reported our conversation.

Gordon E. Priest
Director
Housing, Family and Social
Statistics Division
Ottawa

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HE DISPUTES MOHEL STORY

Re Phil Fine's March 2 article on "Demystifying brit milah":

This article misleads the public regarding some of our local mohels. Statements like "the traditionally trained mohel is both more experienced and skilled than a doctor" neglect the fact that, in Toronto, the Jewish community has been blessed with a number of traditional, competent, Orthodox mohels, who also happen to be trained doctors!

A doctor who is not traditionally trained should not be doing brit milah.

However, a doctor who is traditionally trained as a mohel not only has the advantage of being skilled in brit milah, but also the medical knowledge to deal with any of the uncommon but potential problems.

It was wrong of Mr. Fine to imply that the doctor-mohel group is less competent than the individual who is only a mohel.

Irving M. Karoly
Toronto

Phil Fine replies: There was no intention to mislead the public. The article said traditionally trained mohels are more skilled than those doctors who aren't trained in brit milah. If they are, so much the better!

World-National

Apparent rift developing

Mulroney, Clark appear to differ on PLO policy

OTTAWA —

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney last week apparently contradicted External Affairs Minister Joe Clark when he told reporters Canada is not contemplating improved relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Speaking to reporters in London at the end of a 4-day European visit, the Prime Minister said Canada is "not trying to jump on anybody's bandwagon" by upgrading ties with the PLO.

His remarks, featured on CBC newscasts, appeared to contradict earlier statements by Clark suggesting Canada might upgrade contacts with the PLO.

Even before that, published reports indicated Clark and senior external affairs bureaucrats had recommended Canada upgrade relations with the PLO in the wake of that organization's recognition of Israel and disavowal of terrorism.

Noting that Canada is the last Western country not to follow the U.S. lead and improve ties with the PLO, Clark subsequently stated "there are very sound arguments that can be made for increasing the level of that contact. We're considering that now."

Canadian policy now prevents contacts with the PLO at senior levels.

Last week in London, Mulroney told reporters Canada has "a deep commitment to Israel. This is not something we regard lightly. Any change in emphasis we will want to think about. I hope no one will reproach us for that."

News reports and analyses in recent weeks have pointed to an apparently growing rift between Mulroney and Clark. The Prime Minister is apparenly dissatisfied about revelations about small increases in Canadian trade with South Africa; a slow response to the Iranian threats against novelist Salman Rushdie; the PLO relationship; and criticism of external affairs commitments by retired envoys Stephen Lewis and Roy McMurtry.

Some commentators have suggested Clark's position in cabinet has been eroding over the past months.

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Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's "reassuring comments" about the special relationship between Canada and Israel have been welcomed by major Canadian Jewish organizations.

In a joint statement, the Canada-Israel Committee, B'nai B'rith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation commended the Prime Minister's "thoughtful and steadfast approach to recent Middle East developments."

Canada already has substantial contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the four groups said.

Upgrading the level of these contacts, their statement said, "is not warranted, particularly now, when PLO leaders insist that they are still committed to destroying Israel; when PLO factions aligned with Chairman (Yasser) Arafat attempt terrorist attacks across Israel's northern border; and when Chairman Arafat and others call for an escalation of violence in the territories."

The organizations told Mulroney that his insistence that Ottawa's policy be based on recognition of these realities is a measured approach for which Canadians can be proud.

No pressure from Bush administration

Arens rejects PLO talks

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done," said Arens. "Let that be an object lesson that we never again fail to live up to our responsibilities."

Arens delivered his warning to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations after meeting with Bush and his top foreign policy advisors.

Like the Solidarity With Israel conference planned for this week, his words indicated concern within Shamir's government that American Jews may not fully support Israel's peace plans.

Shamir is expected to reveal those plans in detail when he visits Washington in April.

The Palestinian uprising, he conceded, is based on legitimate grievances and aspirations. "But over and above those desires and aspirations, and the squalor of the refugee camps, is an element of fanaticism, brutality, Islamic fundamentalism and Palestinian radicalism so characteristic of the region in which we live," he said.

Arens reproached Jews who see the conflict in anything less than those terms. His listeners applauded each time he criticized American Jews and Israelis who have met with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which he accused of "some of the worst atrocities since World War II."

Arens said he "couldn't understand" the five American Jews who met with Arafat in Stockholm in December. "Why any Jew, or any self-respecting person, would want to do that, I have no answer," he said.

One of the five, Menachem Rosensaft, was in the room listenings to Arens' address in his capacity as president of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

Arens also said that the left-wing Knesset members who met PLO members last week at a peace conference in New York "were putting pressure on the Israeli government via other governments."

He also said he was "annoyed" by charges that Shamir does not want to make peace. "Nothing could be further from the truth," he said, admitting that impressions that Israel is an obstacle to peace are the result of poor public relations.

Arens spoke repeatedly of the need to include Jordan's King Hussein in resolving the Palestinian conflict, something his Likud party formerly opposed.

"Jordan is a Palestinian country in everything but name," he said. "You can't talk about addressing the (Palestinian issue) without talking to Hussein or the Jordanians. They must wholly be part of the process."

If Hussein resists talking on behalf of the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as the king has indicated, then Israel "must find interlocutors on the ground," and protect them from threats from the PLO.

"Such authentic interlocutors may be sympathizers with the PLO," Arens said. "But there is a world of a difference between someone who has to respond to a constituency on the ground and who listens to orders from Tunis," where PLO headquarters are located.

Arens returned again and again to the theme of Israel's cultural isolation in the Middle East and the violence of Palestinian rioters in the territories. But he said there is "more of a danger to Israel lurking in the shadows" — an oblique reference to a perceived decline in American Jewish support.

"Firebombs, rocks and knives are dangerous to individual Israelis, not a danger to Israel's existence. But there's no need for me to tell you what political ramifications it could bring about if there was a sense of political isolation," he said.

Later, Arens met United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Jewish Social Crediter Levy trounced in BC by-election

By JEFF ROSEN

VANCOUVER —

Vancouver businessman Michael Levy has failed in his attempt to become the first Jewish member of the governing Social Credit Party.

Levy, 46, was recently trounced in a by-election in the Vancouver riding of Point Grey, losing to NDP candidate Dr. Tom Perry by more than a 2-1 margin.

Levy attributed his loss to low voter turnout, which saw about 60% of voters stay home.

"They didn't consider it important enough to come out," he said. "It is an opinion of what is going on in government now."

Even before the election, Levy admitted that some of the "discontent" with Premier William Vander Zalm was "deep rooted" within Point Grey and could result in another Socialist seat.

He also said that the failure of the government to capture Point Grey, combined with other by-election losses, could be a "signal that the government has had it."

Levy's defeat leaves Point Grey with two NDP representatives, as a number of ridings have two MLAs in the BC legislature.

The Victoria-based legislature has been without a Jewish representative since former BC Premier Dave Barrett, now NDP MP for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, left provincial politics.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Who discovered that the ancient Nabateans inhabited the Negev in Israel?
2. Who was secretary of health, education and welfare in the John F. Kennedy administration?
3. Who was known as the "father of the Yishuv" because of his contributions to the building of Eretz Israel?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Dr. Nelson Glueck, a former president of the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion.
2. Abraham Ribicoff, son of a Polish immigrant.
3. Baron Edmond James de Rothschild (1845-1934).

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Lawrence of Arabia exudes raw, startling power

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Thomas Edward Lawrenee (1888-1935) is more often than not referred to as Lawrence of Arabia. An Orientalist, archeologist and author, he was, though rather modest of stature, a larger-than-life figure, something of a legend in his own time.

Lawrence helped shape the destiny of the modern Middle East. As an intelligence officer in the British Army during World War I, he played a seminal role in what has come to be known as the Arab Revolt.

When World War I broke out, the Arabian Peninsula and the Fertile Crescent further north were controlled by the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Arab rebels, under the leadership of Emir Faisal (one of whose descendants is King Hussein of Jordan), rose up against the Turks (and their German allies) and staged a rebellion whose repercussions would be profound.

Since the British were already fighting the Germans in Europe, and harbored ambitions in the Middle East, they found it expedient to support Emir Faisal. Lawrence, an Oxford graduate fluent in colloquial Arabic and familiar with the region, was attached to Emir Faisal's forces as a liaison officer.

Lawrence, directing operations against Turkish military installations and railways, drove the Turks out of Aqaba in 1917. And in near lockstep with Gen. Edmund Allenby, he entered Damascus in 1918.

Basically sympathetic to Arab nationalism (as well as to Zionism), Lawrence hoped that the Arab Revolt would benefit the people with whom he had fought. It was a rude awakening for Lawrence, an incurable romantic, to learn that Britain and its ally, France, had other plans.

Be that as it may, the Arab Revolt had a lasting impact. The Turkish Empire in the Arab world was swept away — triggering a process that would create the independent states of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan.

Lawrence certainly left his imprint on the sands of the Middle East, and his books describing his exploits there, most notably the celebrated *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, enhanced his reputation.

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In 1962, nearly 30 years after his death in a motorcycle accident on a quiet English country road, Sam Spiegel and David Lean began filming *Lawrence of Arabia*, which was shot in Britain, Jordan, Morocco and Spain.

Starring an international cast which included Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Jack Hawkins, Jose Ferrer, Anthony Quayle, Claude Rains and Omar Sharif, *Lawrence of Arabia* was a critical and commercial success, winning seven Academy Awards. By any yardstick, it was a Hollywood epic.

I watched the abridged version on television twice, and even on the small screen the film seemed awesome in conception and execution.

Despite the rave reviews, Lean was never entirely satisfied with the picture. Spiegel, for business reasons, cut it by about 37 minutes. After Spiegel's death in 1985, Lean explored the possibility of restoring the deleted portions. It took two years, but now the job has been completed.

Last week, the restored 70 mm *Lawrence of Arabia*, running almost to 4 hours, opened in Cineplex Odéon theatres across the country.

Restored version starts run

It's an excellent film, though not without its faults.

Written by Robert Bolt, and essentially adapted from *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, *Lawrence of Arabia* exudes the raw, startling and uplifting power of a cinematic event.

Thanks to cinematographer F.A. Young, the desert vistas are breathtaking. Massive, symmetrical sand dunes loom like timeless monoliths. Craggy mountain ranges change colors with the hour of the day. The sun is a burning inferno, particularly in a harsh plateau without any wells.

The battle scenes, wherein robed Arab fighters on camels and Arabian steeds gallop gallantly into the dust, are riveting. The sequences where two Turkish trains are stopped in their tracks are well paced.

Maurice Jarre's musical score is Wagneresque in its enveloping intensity. It sweeps everything away, cleanly and forcefully, and yet blends in with the austere surroundings.

This is the film that catapulted Peter O'Toole into prominence. As Lawrence, the boyish O'Toole is remarkably apt. Blond, with piercing ice cold blue eyes, he seems to be Lawrence writ large. Encompassing all his contradictory qualities, O'Toole is humble and power-hungry; fearful of, but glorifying in, war; impudent with his superior officers and comparatively modest in the company of his inferiors; quintessentially British but wedded to the Arab cause. Lawrence has been portrayed as a homosexual, but here he is an unambiguous heterosexual.

In the final analysis, Lawrence remains an enigma, a smart but emotionally brittle man torn by conflicting loyalties. O'Toole conveys this anguish, this gnawing angst, brilliantly.

Omar Sharif and Peter O'Toole star in Lawrence of Arabia.

British officialdom does not inspire trust or admiration. Dryden (Rains), the bureaucrat from the Arab Bureau who suggests sending Lawrence to Arabia, is the ultimate practitioner of Realpolitik. Lawrence, in his apparent ignorance, hadn't the faintest idea that Britain and France, in the 1916 Sykes-Picot agreement, had sliced up the Middle East into convenient spheres of influence and had therefore betrayed Faisal (portrayed mawkishly by Guinness).

Allenby, the conqueror of Jerusalem (Hawkins), is just as slippery and dishonest in his dealings with Lawrence.

Regrettably, *Lawrence of Arabia* is not always sufficiently clear on the convoluted political dimension. A viewer may be understandably confused by the frantic comings and goings.

The British, especially the officer class, are depicted as snobbish racists: The Arabs, for whom they are allegedly risking life and limb, are simply "wogs."

Although the film is engrossing, it's dull and listless in places. Maybe Spiegel's cuts *should* have remained in place.

Lawrence of Arabia, nevertheless, is a splendid example of filmmaking. Like a hawk wheeling gracefully over a vast desert wilderness, it soars magnificently in the wind.

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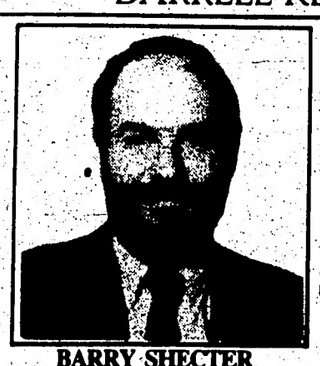

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World-National

Remains to be moved to new location

Cairo Jews, Egypt resolve dispute over cemetery

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Egyptian government and the Cairo Jewish community have come to an agreement over the disinterment and reburial of hundreds of bodies in the old Jewish cemetery in the city's Al-Basatin area.

The graves will be disinterred in conformity with halacha and the remains buried in a plot of land provided by the Egyptian government, according to Rabbi Moshe Stern, vice-president of the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto (Orthodox Rabbinical Council).

The agreement came after the government announced plans to pave over the Jewish cemetery and a nearby Moslem one to make way for an automobile beltway around Cairo. The Cairo Jewish community responded by launching a court action to stop the desecration, but the issue was resolved out of court when Egypt agreed to move the cemetery.

The Tororonto Vaad, along with the Vaad Hair of Montreal and rabbis throughout the Diaspora and Israel, had joined in a protest against the desecration, Stern told The CJN.

Under terms of the agreement with the Jewish community, Egypt will move the graves to a new site and will permit a chevra kadisha (burial society) from Israel to attend to ensure the move is done "in accordance with Jewish law in a dignified and respectful manner," Stern said.

A letter from Ambassador Mahmoud Kassem, Egypt's ambassador in Ottawa, to Stern states: "According to this agreement, and in consultation with the Chief Rabbi of Israel, the Jewish community in Cairo and the Egyptian authorities have approved the transfer of the Jewish cemetery to an adjacent location on condition that the Egyptian authorities pay for the cost of the new cemetery as well as the expenses incurred for Israeli rabbis to travel from Israel to Egypt in order to perform ritual prayers."

While it is "normally not allowed to disturb resting places," under certain conditions bodies may be moved, Stern said. Those conditions applied in Cairo, where government action would otherwise have led to desecrations, he added.

Resolution of the matter "bodes well in terms of the future relations of people, that we can live together and cooperate in peace and harmony," Stern said.

"It shows concern for the dignity of the dead," he added. "Let's hope it translates itself into showing dignity for the living, in terms of social contact between the people of Egypt and Israel."

An Egyptian embassy spokesman said that while the cemetery issue was "something completely internal...any misunderstanding that is resolved can serve to better the relations between Egypt and Israel."

The Al-Basatin Jewish cemetery, seen in this 1975 photograph.

Senior citizens' group presents brief to Wilson

[Cont'd. from page 1]

to society," she told Wilson. "Corporations should not be able to use obscure loopholes to earn tax-free profits at the expense of individual Canadians."

While applauding the change of tax deductions to tax credits, Woodsworth warned their value will diminish in the future unless fully indexed.

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One Voice began in 1983 when seniors groups from across Canada met to explore ways of uniting older Canadians. In March 1987, its first board of directors was elected from national membership representing French and English-speaking seniors from many walks of life.

It now meets annually in April to explore seniors' issues and conducts an annual survey to determine their concerns. Last year's survey revealed seniors are concerned about income, housing, home support services and health issues.

One Voice is also currently involved in a cross-country project to identify the need for literacy training for older people.

Among the many groups which support One Voice are: Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, La Federation des aines francophones de l'Ontario, l'Association quebecoise pour la defense des droits des retraites et preretaites, la Concertation des Associations de retraites de Quebec Inc., Canadian Council of Retirees, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, Yukon Council on Aging, Northwest Territories Senior's Society, Seniors Resources and Research Society of British Columbia, Alberta Council on Aging, Manitoba Society on Seniors and New Brunswick Senior Citizens Federation, Inc.

Press council rejects complaint

TORONTO —

The Ontario Press Council recently dismissed a complaint against the Ottawa Citizen newspaper which alleged an advertisement printed last Yom Kippur was inflammatory and offensive to Jews.

The Council found the ad insensitive and provocative, but concluded it legitimately expressed a point of view and did not promote hatred against any group, the Toronto Star reported.

The complaint was brought by William Kaplan of Ottawa over an ad placed by the Grace Baptist Mission, which read: "YOM KIPPUR?" followed by two New Testament quotations saying the blood of Jesus was shed for the atonement of sins.

The ad ran the past two years on Yom Kippur.

"Kaplan claimed the group which placed the ad "were not seeking to inform; they were trying to inflame."

The Citizen stated its policy was to screen ads to ensure they fall within generally accepted community standards. The newspaper argued the ad was not offensive or inflammatory, and that the person placing it did not aim at making converts or offending anyone.

It was run on Yom Kippur to attract the attention of Jewish readers, the person said.

The press council agreed some may find the ad offensive. It termed the ad insensitive and provocative, placed with the intent of winning converts.

"The council's stated policy is that it believes it is appropriate for newspapers to exercise wide latitude in expressing their opinions 'no matter how controversial or unpopular the opinions may be,'" the ruling stated.

"It further believes it is only fair to extend such latitude to individuals who may wish to exercise it through advertising, provided it does not generate hatred against another group."

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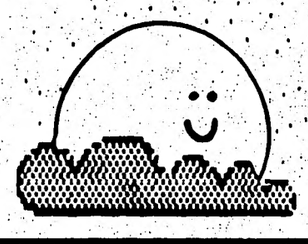

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"Magical evening" at Roy Thomson Hall

Joint Israel-Toronto concert raises $1.1 million

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Zubin Mehta, the lifetime music director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, called it a "magical, hands-across-the-ocean evening," and it was.

Guided by his baton, the 100 black-jacketed members of the Israeli orchestra shared the expanded stage of Roy Thomson Hall last week with the 100 white-jacketed musicians of the Toronto Symphony to create a night of magical music at a unique joint concert titled *A Fusion of Harmonies*.

More than 2,600 people, paying from $60 to $25,000 to attend the gala black-tie affair, gave the 200 musicians a 15-minute standing ovation after the climaxing performance of the Hector Berlioz showstopper, *Symphonie Fantastique*.

Altogether, they raised $1.1 million. After deducting expenses, a net of $700,000 will be shared by both orchestras. That sum exceeds by $200,000 the expected goal of $500,000.

"It's the first time I've played the role of a *shadchan* — a matchmaker," said Tom Beck, co-chairman of the event.

A former president of the Toronto Symphony, Beck conceived the idea of the marriage of the two groups of musicians a year ago when visiting Israel in his role as president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

"And what a wonderful match I made!" Beck told The CJN triumphantly. "Here we have two world-class ensembles making beautiful music together at a harmonious wedding."

The most distinguished guest at the wedding was Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, whose entrance was heralded by four trumpeters. She gracefully saluted what she termed "this landmark event in the history of Canadian cultural exchanges."

Mehta had diplomatically balanced the program, with the Israeli musicians opening their first half of the concert by playing *O Canada* and the Toronto Symphony opening its part of the program with *Hatikvah*.

This cultural exchange was continued nicely by the performances of the two young instrumental soloists from the two countries.

While the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra occupied the stage, Canada's 16-year-old violin prodigy from Vancouver, Corey Cerovsek, played two pieces.

The sweet-faced virtuoso, attired in a black bow-tie, an informal white shirt and dark trousers, first gave a sweet rendition of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's lyrical *Rondo In C Major*, created when the composer was himself a stripling of 25. He followed it with Camille Saint-Saens' elegant but difficult showpiece, *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*, and was rewarded with three ovations.

Israel's 17-year-old clarinetist Sharon Kam similarly elicited three rounds of applause from the audience when the Toronto Symphony took over the stage. Dressed in a lacey black gown, eyes closed in rapture, swaying her trim body with considerable showmanship, she gave a spirited rendition of Carl Maria Von Weber's razzle-dazzler, *Concertino for Clarinetist and Orchestra*.

But unquestionably the evening's standout spectacular was the anticipated joint performance of the Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*. All 200 of the musicians squeezed onto the stage, which had been enlarged by temporarily removing the first five rows of seats.

Looking like a checkerboard of colors in their white and black jackets, the musicians switched places halfway through the symphony, so that the principal players from each ensemble could assume leadership of the various sections of the joint orchestra, whether strings, woodwinds or brass.

The symphony itself is a bravura tour de force created in 1830 when the French composer was 27 and based on his unrequited infatuation with an Irish Shakespearean actress, Henrietta Smithson, who rejected his impassioned mash notes. Its five movements tell the morbid story of a lovesick musician, crazed by opium, who has a pipedream about his fantasized love object.

In his nightmare, he murders her, and with a brassy quick-march, is taken to the scaffold to be guillotined. Then, with an appropriate roll of drums, we hear the blade crash down, and the head bounces, via three plucked notes, into the basket. It concludes with the corpse being dragged to his funeral amid the wild-horn shrieks and diabolical flute laughter of an assembly of witches.

In real life, Berlioz ultimately married the actress who had so obsessed him with her portrayal of Ophelia and Juliet. But, alas, his Henrietta turned out to be a drunken shrew and he soon ditched her for another inamorata.

The program notes reveal that Berlioz had always dreamed of having his most famous work performed by an orchestra of 200 players who would do justice to his tempestuous symphony. However, he died at 66 a frustrated man.

I feel he would have been delighted by the happily wedded Israel-Canadian contingent of musicmakers who surely did him real proud.

Anti-Arafat infiltrators kill Israeli soldier

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Dissident Palestinian groups, frustrated in their attempts to cross the Israel-Lebanon border, appear to have turned their eyes south in the last week, in infiltration attempts aimed as much at Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat's dialogue with the U.S. as at the Israeli soldiers who were attacked.

Evidence of the shift, if it turns out to be one, came in two raids on Israel's up-to-now quiet southern desert frontier. In a Friday night ambush in the desolate Arava valley frontier with Jordan, Sgt. Ofer Lior, a 24-year-old reservist patrol commander, was killed and a Bedouin tracker wounded.

That was the day after a single Israeli soldier apprehended two would-be infiltrators on the border with Egyptian Sinai. The pair, aged 15 and 17, said they were members of the Islamic Jihad movement, and had been promised $20,000 for each Israeli soldier they killed or captured.

Early Saturday, Jordan announced that its security forces had apprehended the Arava infiltrators, a few miles from the spot where the ambush had taken place. The killers were apparently members of Abu Mussa's Syrian-sponsored renegade Fatah faction, which broke away from the Arafat-led mainstream Fatah in 1983 and has been warring with it ever since.

Both attacks, successful and abortive, were aimed at military targets. In Arafat's interpretation of the rules of the game, that would not be terrorism. Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin disagrees, and classed them as terrorism pure and simple in a Saturday night statement. Terrorism on the Lebanese border was different from the two raids, Rabin said, but there was a common thread — the Palestinian terrorists' desire to get at Israel from every direction.

The two raids did tend to turn Israel's attention south, away from the intifada still continuing in the West Bank and Gaza.

The week was marked by one major development — an apparent weakening in Arafat's Fatah, which lost many of its local "field commanders" in recent weeks. The commanders, Israeli and Palestinian sources said, were among the 800 or so Palestinians jailed during a month-long Israeli army sweep.

According to the sources, the absence of key people is already causing breakdowns in Fatah's chain of command, and has disrupted communications between PLO headquarters in Tunis and its people in the territories.

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World-National

Canadians join in Jerusalem talks

1,000 Jews at conference

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

Approximately 80 Canadian Jews, many of them active in community organizations, have been attending this week's Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel.

They joined 1,000 Jews from the Diaspora in 2½ days of plenary meetings and workshops at the Jerusalem confab initiated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The purpose of the conference is "to discuss the challenges facing Israel in the international arena...and to share ideas with world Jews with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict," said Gershon Zohar, counselor at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

Others have suggested the conference was scheduled to boost Shamir's political position just before he was to meet U.S. President George Bush in Washington for discussions on the Middle East situation.

A letter sent by Shamir to invitees stated that "in view of recent developments in the Middle East, there is an urgent need to strengthen the relationship of solidarity between Israel and all Jews around the world. The government of Israel expects the entire Jewish people to stand at Israel's side in its quest for peace, security and prosperity."

B'nai B'rith Canada has sent the single largest Canadian organizational delegation to the conference, states a BB news release.

"The need for world Jewry to display its solidarity with Israel is more pronounced than ever," says the release. "Through our delegation of 16 members we hope to send a clear message to the government and people of Israel."

Though members of other Canadian Jewish organizations attended the conference, they did so in an individual capacity as prominent members of the Jewish community and not on behalf of those groups, Zohar told The CJN.

Among the 80 Canadian participants were 16 on the 100-member conference steering committee, which helped set the conference's agenda and priorities. Most are affiliated with national Jewish organizations or local federations.

They included: David Azrieli, Clara Balinsky, Sam Belzberg, Prof. Irwin Cotler, Frank Dimant, MP Sheila Finestone, Naomi Frankenburg, Lily Frank, Thomas Hecht, Walter Hess, Murray Koffler, Mira Koschitzky, Martin Levine, Sidney Spivak, Stephen Victor, Prof. Ruth Wisse.

Phil Granovsky of Toronto, a member of the Jewish Agency's executive and board of governors, was part of a team which helped organize the event.

The Prime Minister's conference, chaired by Likud Knesset member Ehud Olmert, included addresses by Shamir, President Chaim Herzog as well as plenary sessions led by Vice Premier and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz, Minister of Defence Yitzhak Rabin and Minister of Foreign Affairs Moshe Arens.

Discussion also focused on Israeli industry and tourism, anti-semitism, immigration, as well as Israeli ties to various regions, such as Europe and Latin America.

A full report will follow in next week's edition of The CJN.

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More than half of the British Jews invited to the solidarity conference boycotted it in an unprecedented snub to an Israel Prime Minister.

Of 130 prominent British Jews invited, only about 50 attended, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports.

Absentees included Stephen Roth, chairman of the Zionist Federation; leading pro-Israel parliamentarians Greville Janner and Ivan Lawrence; philosopher Sir Isaiah Berlin; Baroness Birk; Lord Goodman; and Dr. John Marks, chairman of the British Medical Association.

"Talking to the present Prime Minister of Israel is like talking to a stone wall," Berlin said. Calling Israeli policy towards the Arabs "mistaken and counterproductive," Berlin said "stone walls have many uses, but talking to them is not the most productive thing one can do."

Many British Jews were appalled by Shamir's "arrogant" and "stubborn" performance in a recent BBC television interview, in which the Prime Minister said Israel would never talk to the PLO.

Israelis host MPs, Jewish community

New embassy inaugurated

By
REESA AARON

OTTAWA —

More than 100 guests including representatives from Parliament, the external affairs department, national Jewish organizations and Ottawa's Jewish Community council attended a reception hosted by the Israeli embassy to inaugurate its new downtown location.

The guests surveyed the pleasant new surroundings in the Metropolitan Life Building at 50 O'Connor St. between bites of smoked salmon canapes and petit fours, provided for by Jack Smith Kosher Catering.

The old premises at 410 Laurier Ave. W., the headquarters of Telecom Canada, where the embassy was located for 10 years, was too small and cramped, said embassy staff. So when the lease was up on Jan. 25, the embassy moved to the larger office area on O'Connor.

Nestled on the 10th floor of a 17-storey highrise office tower in the hub of the city, just minutes from the Parliament Buildings, the new location is superb.

The decor features beige carpet, green sofas and brown furniture. Earth tones predominate and a collection of paintings hang across freshly painted walls. The ambience created in the office is comfortable and warm.

Guests in attendance included Judge Maxwell Cohen; House leader of the Liberal Party and MP for Windsor-West Herb Gray; NDP MP Ian Angus of Thunder Bay; T. J. Arcand, chief of protocol for External Affairs; the director general of the Mideast bureau at External Affairs, Percy Sherwood; Hadassah-WIZO national president Naomi Frankenburg; former chairman Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group David Daubney; Ottawa Jewish Community Council president Stephen Victor; and Gabriel Chmura, musical director of the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

The only diplomat present was Jonathan Thwaites, Deputy High-Commissioner of Australia, whose office is in the same building.

The embassy's new address is 50 O'Connor St., Suite 1005, Ottawa K1P 6L2. The telephone number is the same, (613) 237-6450 and the fax number is (613) 237-8865.

Sharing an amusing comment by Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh (second from right) are (from left) former MP David Daubney, Percy Sherwood, director-general of the external affairs department's Middle East desk, Liberal House leader Herb Gray and Gabriel Chmura, musical director of the National Arts Centre Orchestra. [Howard Kay photo]

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Former Leningrad Refusenik Elena Keis Kuna (centre) poses with (from left) Carol Kassel, United Jewish Appeal's Toronto women's campaign chairman, Hilda Cohen, Jewish Women's Federation Refusenik chairman, Etty Danzig, JWF president, and Susan Goldberg, JWF vice-president.

Wants Refuseniks to settle there

Kuna demands emigration to Israel

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Soviet Jewish emigres should be forced to go to Israel before deciding where to settle permanently, says a former leading Leningrad Refusenik.

About 80% would likely remain in the Jewish state if they were sent there first and got to see how beautiful and safe the country is, Elena Keis Kuna said.

"I am sure that for Jewish people from Russia, it is much better to live in Israel," the 47-year-old former radio engineer said.

"Israel also needs more Jews from Russia, while the United States and Canada doesn't," she added.

Kuna, who immigrated to Israel with her family in late January, was recently in Toronto as part of a 2-week trip to North America. Her U.S. itinerary included Washington, Boston and Cincinnati.

Her 3-day visit here was co-sponsored by Toronto's Temple Sinai Congregation, Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee, and Toronto Jewish Congress' Jewish Women's Federation, an umbrella organization representing 52 women's groups and 20,000 women across Metro.

A former leading figure in the women's Refusenik movement in the USSR, Kuna is JWF's former adopted Refusenik.

In an interview, Kuna, a petite woman with bright lipstick, large glasses and dark wavy hair streaked with gray, said most Soviet Jewish emigres move to North America because they have a "wrong image" of Israel.

They think that the Jewish state is a dangerous place to live because when they leave the Soviet Union they are given refugee status even though they possess Israeli visas, she said.

Soviet Jews also believe that North American Jews are trying to "save" them from Israel by bringing them to the U.S. and Canada, she said.

Kuna said Canadian Jews should lobby to have this refugee status removed.

All Soviet Jewish emigres should go directly to Israel, and if they later decide to settle in North America, then laws should be streamlined to let them immigrate more easily, she said.

Kuna said she, her husband, Giorgi, 37, and their 18-year-old son, Andrei, are thrilled to be in Israel after battling for more than 14 years to be reunited with her sister, Anna Rosnovsky, 49, a first violinist in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and 76-year-old mother, Meita Leikina, who has been hospitalized for severe depression since 1979 in Rishon Lezion.

"Israel is much better than I ever imagined," she said. "I feel as though I am home."

Kuna said she and her family, staying in an absorption centre in Ramat Aviv, are learning to speak Hebrew. Her son hopes to enter Haifa's Technion University in the fall to begin studies in physics.

She said she and her husband, also a former engineer, will look for jobs although not in their former fields.

At the JWF's recent annual meeting, Kuna thanked Soviet Jewry activists for helping her family get exit visas to leave the USSR.

Choking back tears, she spoke of her and her family's struggles during their years of refusal, including her mother's 3-year imprisonment in a Soviet penal institution for mental patients. The elderly woman was incarcerated after she tried to send a violin to her older daughter, who emigrated to Israel in 1974.

Kuna also urged Soviet Jewry activists to continue their fight to help Jews still in the USSR.

"Don't think everything is okay and don't forget about the Jewish people in Russia who have no opportunity to leave," she told about 200 people at the breakfast meeting.

If Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost policy of openness ever ends, the fate of the remaining Jews will be "awful," she warned.

Other speakers at the event included Ontario Citizenship Minister Monte Kwinter, journalist June Callwood, JWF President Etty Danzig, TJC President Herb Rosenfeld, JWF past president Sheila Engel, JWF Refusenik chairman Hilda Cohen, and Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee.

Kuna also spoke publicly at several other events, including a community-wide meeting at Temple Sinai and a special luncheon meeting of the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee.

She celebrated her 47th birthday by attending a joint concert at Roy Thomson Hall of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Israel Philharmonic, where her sister performed.

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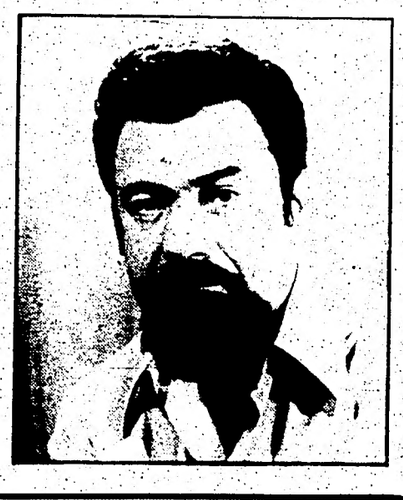

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Organizations and People

600 pay tribute to Allan and Larry

Grossmans feted at dinner

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO

It was the Ontario Tory government of William Davis that refused to allow a United Nations conference to be held in Toronto because of the planned participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization, former MPP and cabinet minister Allan Grossman recalled recently at a tribute dinner honoring himself and his son Larry.

"The United Nations said the PLO was welcome, the (Canadian) federal government said they were welcome, and the city said they would be welcome, but Bill Davis said 'No,' " Allan Grossman told about 600 people who attended the $100-a-plate fund raiser at the Sheraton Hotel. Proceeds from the event went to the St. Andrew-St. Patrick Progressive Conservative Riding Association.

"Although the conference would have brought a lot of money into Toronto, the premier was insistent that our principles were not for sale."

The elder Grossman, who was the first Jewish cabinet minister in Canada, spoke proudly of his years with the Frost, Robarts and Davis provincial governments.

During the Frost years, he recalled, food, clothing and shelter were provided to 35,000 refugees who came to Ontario as a result of the Hungarian Revolution, and Chinese, Czech, Polish and other immigrants were helped as well.

"The Tory party was practicing multiculturalism at a time when the other parties hardly knew there was such a word," he said. "We were often ridiculed by the opposition for pandering to the ethnic vote."

The Tories, said Grossman, were also the first to advertise government programs in the province's ethnic media, and "encouraged our new citizens to understand that they were part and parcel of our country and helped them to participate in its political life."

Looking back over more than 20 years of political service which ended in 1975, he added, "It's nice to have tributes, my son and I appreciate it very much, but to serve the people, I think we should thank you for that. I can't think of anything more interesting or rewarding."

Larry Grossman, who succeeded his father as MPP for St. Andrew-St. Patrick in 1975 and served in a variety of cabinet portfolios before becoming party leader in 1985, thanked the gathering for having given him "the enormous privilege of being leader."

After losing his seat in the September, 1987, election, which the Liberals won by a landslide, the younger Grossman resigned immediately "to avoid turmoil in the party, and because it was time to turn a page and open a new chapter in our party."

Federal Cabinet Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, who was the emcee for the evening, spoke glowingly of the Grossmans, as did interim and past provincial Tory leaders Andy Brandt and William Davis. Among nearly 60 people at the head table were John Bassett, Eddy Goodman, Roy McMurtry, Michael Wilson, John Yaremko and many other federal and provincial politicians.

The Moitzi or blessing of the bread was recited by Rabbi David Monson, who presented the Grossmans with Jerusalem medals which he had received days earlier in Israel.

"They were handed to me directly by (Jerusalem) Mayor Teddy Kollek, who knows and has a great deal of respect for Allan and Larry Grossman. I told him on Monday that I would be here on Thursday."

Tributes were also paid to Allan's late wife Ethel and to Larry's wife Carole. Reference was also made several times throughout the evening to the younger Grossman's three teenaged children, Melissa, Jamie and Robert, each of whom professes political aspirations.

"The Grossman dynasty will not be forgotten, and hopefully there will be another generation of Grossmans to continue the tradition," Senator Norman Atkins remarked.

Larry Grossman gets some assistance with his boutonniere from Julio Szmuilowicz, St. Andrew-St. Patrick Progressive Conservative Riding Association co-chairman, as Allan Grossman looks on.

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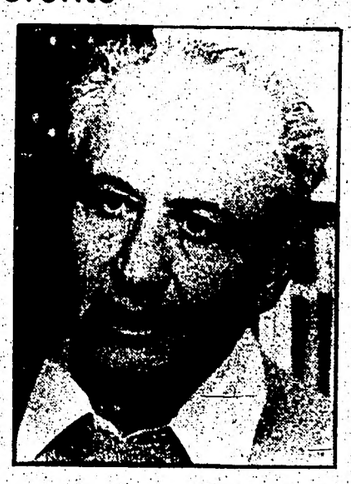

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Changing role of Jewish women is examined

By
BRIAN HENRY

The definition of who Jewish women can be should be rewritten, says Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Temple Beth David in Canton, Mass.

"To be supposedly elevated in the tradition is just the other side of being denigrated by the same tradition."

Goldstein, who was formerly the assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, made her remarks during a recent panel discussion on Challenging Women's Traditional Roles in Judaism.

Sponsored by the social and political action committee of the Jewish Women's Federation of Toronto Jewish Congress, and the Business and Professional Women's Network of the UJA, the evening featured a 14-minute clip of the film, Half the Kingdom, a documentary look at alternative roles for women in Judaism.

The film's director, Francine Zuckerman, was present, as were three of the women featured in the film: Goldstein, Prof. Naomi Goldenburg of the University of Ottawa, and Norma Joseph, a lecturer at Concordia University in Montreal.

The panel was moderated by Elaine Todres, deputy minister, Human Resources Secretariat of the Ontario government.

Zuckerman describes making Half the Kingdom as "a really difficult process. . . . Part of the difficulty," she said," was just raising the funds. Unfortunately, the Jewish community at large is very skeptical about funding a film like this."

The budget for the hour-long film is almost half a million dollars, said Zuckerman. "But we did raise the money, and we're looking at a world premiere in Montreal in November of this year."

Norma Joseph, who described herself as representing mainstream Orthodoxy, said during the panel discussion that challenging the role of women in Judaism "doesn't mean rejecting it.

"It means taking it seriously ... asking questions about it. My father used to tell me, 'Jews never died from a question.'' ... So ask questions," Joseph said. "That's the challenge."

Goldenburg, who described herself as an atheist, said, "The last time they had a program on the role of Jewish women in Judaism in my community, they also had a panel of three people — three men."

Panel participants (from left) are Francine Zuckerman, Norma Joseph, Elaine Todres, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein and Naomi Goldenburg.

Goldenburg touched on one of the evening's recurrent themes when she talked about how men listen very seriously to other men but do not listen to what women have to say.

During the question period, a number of women who identified themselves as "very traditional," stated their opposition to the premise of the panel discussion — that there is something fundamentally wrong with the traditional role of Jewish women.

Other members of the audience, voiced their support for the panelists.

Replying to a question from Mollie Rothman, president of the Beth Torah Congregation (Conservative), Goldstein said that in 1952 the Conservative Law Committee ruled that women could have aliyot and be counted in minyans.

She suggested Rothman should remind the men of her congregation about this ruling. "Maybe they forgot," she said.

Yom Hashoah service to remember the children

TORONTO —

Remember the Children will be the theme of this year's Toronto Jewish Congress Yom Hashoah service to be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 30 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

The theme refers to the 1.5 million children murdered and the keynote speaker will be Holy Blossom Temple's Rabbi Dow Marmur, a child survivor of the Holocaust.

Participants will include Rabbi Phillip Scheim of Beth David Synagogue, Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Synagogue, Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom and Cantor Hesh Myersdorf of Beth David Synagogue.

Readings in English and in Yiddish will be conducted by Alan Farkas and Elaine Tallenberg. A number of children will read selected works in English and in Yiddish.

In attendance will be Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Benjamin Abileah, Toronto Jewish Congress president Herb Rosenfeld and a number of other dignitaries.

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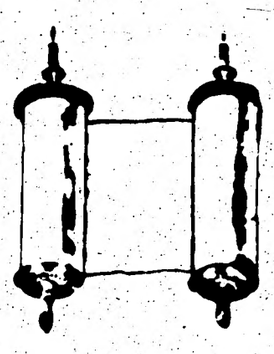

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tzav / Parshat Parah

A Jew must keep his wits about him, and not be overwhelmed by enemies — or the *yetzer horah* (evil inclination).

An esteemed Jew who served as cantor, teacher and shochet (ritual slaughterer) was accused of a crime and brought to trial.

Rabbi Gottesman

The judge, an anti-semite, constantly referred to him mockingly as "Master Shochet." Before passing sentence, the judge turned to the defendant and asked: "Master Shochet, do you have anything further to add?"

"Yes," answered the Jew. "Your honor, you know I have a few callings. To the people in my synagogue, I am 'Master Cantor;' to the children in my cheder, I am 'Master Teacher;' but to the animals I am 'Master Shochet'!" (Chad Vichalak)

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This Shabbat we read about another animal — the *Parah Adumah*, the red heifer.

A strange law — if a person became impure through contact with the dead, the rite of purification consisted of being sprinkled with water mixed with the ashes from a red cow.

Why? What was the reasoning? We don't know. Moses knew the secret — but not us. It is a *chok*, an etched law, beyond reason, above reason — a test of faith, a measure of faith.

Rashi comments: "Because Satan and the nations of the world taunt: 'What is this mitzvah!' 'What meaning does it have!' Therefore we respond in God's name: 'It is a *gezerah* (decree) from before Me!' 'You may not ponder on it!'"

Now we know Rashi didn't waste words. So why did Rashi use redundant language: "What is this mitzvah!" "What meaning does it have!" "It is a gezerah from before Me!" "You may not ponder on it!"

But — explains the Shaar Bat Rabim — this "argument" applies to every Jew and every mitzvah. When a Jew is inspired to do a mitzvah, the yetzer horah whispers into a person's ear: "What is this mitzvah? What good is it? Why are you wasting your time!"

If the person is wise and persists, then after the mitzvah is performed, the same yetzer horah sneaks back and seduces a Jew to pride: "Who can know the meaning of a mitzvah! It is so holy! So deep! You are the cat's meow! You are just great!"

But we must have an answer ready at all times! Before the mitzvah, we respond: "Buzz off, yetzer horah, it is the Almighty's decree!" And afterwards, we reject proud thoughts by insisting: "No, we may not ponder on it!"

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O'Sullivan fondly remembered

Community worker MONTY MAZIN shares some of his memories of the late Father Sean O'Sullivan and his ties to the Jewish community and Israel.

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The recent death of Father Sean O'Sullivan is a great loss to the entire community. I personally have many fond memories of him and would like to share a part of his life that is not too widely known — his love of the Jewish community and the State of Israel.

Twelve years ago, when I was working in Hamilton as the Ontario regional director for the State of Israel Bonds, I had the good fortune to befriend O'Sullivan, who at that time was the member of Parliament for Hamilton-Wentworth.

O'Sullivan expressed a very strong desire to visit Israel for the first time, and I arranged on behalf of the Israel Bond organization for him to tour the Holy Land.

On his return, he became the "hottest" speaker for Israel Bonds and within a few months I was privileged to be among the few of his closest friends (outside of his immediate family) to know of his plans to give up his House of Commons seat for the priesthood.

O'Sullivan's last public meeting, as a member of Parliament, was at an Israel Bonds function, arranged in conjunction with the Hadassah-WIZO at the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Kitchener.

To a capacity audience of Jews and non-Jews a very emotional O'Sullivan revealed that he was leaving politics for the Catholic church and how the impact of his visit to the Holy Land had influenced his decision to do so.

Among Father Sean's God-given gifts was his powerful oratory, and it was never better than on that night in Kitchener as he gave a report on his Israel Bond mission and described some of the miracles he had seen in Israel.

"There I was with my guide in the middle of the Negev Desert" he said, "Lo and behold, trees that had been planted over the years had made the countryside beautifully green, like late spring in Canada. Buildings and roads suddenly appeared, and the roads led to a kibbutz with people coming to greet us."

He continued: "Overwhelmed and full of excitement, I said to my guide, 'Look at that unbelievable sight!' The guide nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, look at that, only Israel can spoil a desert."

Among my most treasured possessions, is a letter written to me by Father Sean, while he was studying at the Pontificio College Irlandese in Rome (Nov. 21, 1978). Here is an extract:

"What a personal pleasure — and a true honor — it was for me to be associated in a small way in your efforts for the State of Israel Bonds. My days in public life were very enjoyable and rewarding, but never as much as when I was given the opportunity to work for peace by promoting a strong and independent Israel, and in so doing to feel the warmth of the Jewish community at home and in other parts of Canada . . . the good friendships made in that cause will endure, as will my many happy memories of two visits to Israel.

"I also feel that those experiences will assist me in whatever years may lie ahead. There is an entire congregation (department) over at the Vatican, headed by a cardinal, whose purpose is to study and promote relations between Jews and Catholics.

"Well, Monty, however good these experts may be, I doubt that they could teach me anything more useful than the lasting lessons which you made possible for me through the Bond movement."

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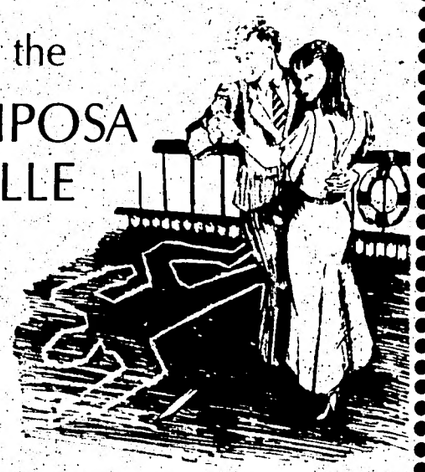

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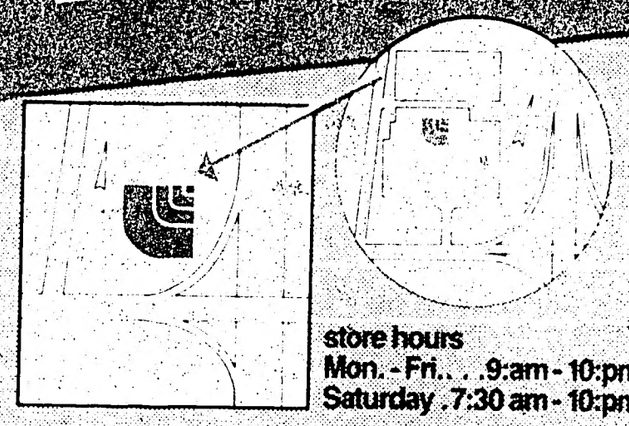

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By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Thursday, March 23

MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT TO SPEAK

Moscow correspondent for the Tribune, **Fred Weir,** will speak on Recent Developments of Soviet Jewry, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Weir will also examine Soviet Foreign Minister **Edvard Shevernadze's** recent visit to the Middle East.

Sunday, March 26

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

At the next gathering of Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, 1950 Bathurst St. on Sunday, March 26, HBT **Rabbi John Moscowitz** will give A Rabbi's Perspective on Modern Illness, Modern Dying. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30, speaker at 10.

ADATH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Adath Sholom Sisterhood's general meeting on Sunday morning, March 26, will feature a craft morning.

Breakfast, $2, is at 9.30 a.m. and the synagogue is located at 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

For information call the synagogue office, 635-0131 or **Viki Rumack,** 783-3569.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee provides an Israel Update at the 9.30 a.m. Sunday, March 26 meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets Sunday, March 26 to hear **Benjamin Rubin,** editor of Communique and editor of the national publication of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, explain about the lifeline to Israel's self-reliance as he explores the topic, Israel's Independence...The Economic Front. Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10, speaker, 10.30.

Monday, March 27

WINTER IN ISRAEL SERIES

Shaar Shalom adult education committee's 5-week Winter In Israel series concludes on Monday, March 27, with a Geographical Survey of Israel.

The lecture takes place 8-9 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

MONDAY MAGIC

There is no meeting on Monday, March 27. The next meeting takes place on April 3. For details see next week's column.

RABBI PLAUT'S NEW BOOK

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut will discuss his book, The Man Who Would Be Messiah, 8 p.m. Monday, March 27, at Chapters Literary Dinner Party, 2360 Yonge St. This is a biographical novel about **Jacob Frank,** the 18th century false messiah who had an extraordinary impact on Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

A fixed price dinner, $16.95, is served and reservations are recommended. Phone 481-9203.

FOR SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL

It's An Evening for the Soldiers of Israel with elections, music, speaker **Mickey Baratz,** entertainment, food and door prizes, 8 p.m. Monday, March 27, in Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Family and friends are welcome. To inquire further call **Ruth** 633-1252 or **Yetta** 733-3254.

Tuesday, March 28

SOPINKA TO SPEAK

Justice John Sopinka of the Supreme Court of Canada, will address The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto in the ballroom of The Royal York Hotel, 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28. For information about the club, or attending, phone 923-2900.

FASHION SHOW

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood heralds the new season with its annual fashion show and luncheon, Tuesday, March 28 at 12.30 p.m. in the banquet hall, 470 Glencairn Ave.

For reservations, call 731-6660.

PANEL ON PATIENT RIGHTS

Patient rights in cancer pain treatment will be considered at a panel discussion 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 28 in the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Panel members will include **Dr. Frank Adams,** pain specialist, Veterans Administration Medical Centre in Dallas. **Harry Beatty,** lawyer, a director of the Patients' Rights Association; **Jim Rae,** newspaper editor and widower of a cancer pain sufferer.

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HELPING WITH REFORESTATION

Bialik Hebrew Day School is committed to helping with the restoration of trees destroyed by arsonists in Israel last summer. Grade 1 pupils participating in a recent Operation Re-Tree-Val assembly at the school include (from left) Jonathan Fishbein, Bernice Gordon, Iris Gordon, Erin Fingrut and Sorrel Shapiro.

Admission is free. For additional information phone 362-7041 or **Barry Ashpole,** 362-4804.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

On Tuesday, March 28, the T'nach Study Group will investigate the Book of Judges, Chapters XIV and XV, with **Rabbi Samuel Biber.** The group meets 8.15 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

SHOULD ISRAEL TALK TO THE PLO?

Should Israel talk to the PLO? The focus will be on this question during the next meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Organization, 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107. CJN columnist **J.B. Salsberg** will introduce the subject.

Wednesday, March 29

DYSAUTONOMIA LECTURE

Toronto and Tikvah chapters of Dysautonomia Foundation Inc. invite members and friends to the annual spring membership and educational lecture meeting, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the youth chapel of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Dr. Charles Hollenberg, vice provost health sciences, University of Toronto, will explain Cholesterol and Heart Disease, a topic of general interest and also particularly significant for members and friends of Dysautonomia.

For further information call 636-7924, 484-8466 or 631-9159.

LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Does Judaism believe in life after death? This is the theme for the Wednesday, March 29 talk to the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Couples Club by **Rabbi Abraham Plotkin.** This informal lecture series is scheduled for 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., (off Green Lane) Thornhill.

For more informaton call 886-0420.

NATURAL HYGIENE SOCIETY

A video of Fight For Your Life, (which examines survival techniques for those with cancer and other illnesses) featuring **Dr. Bernie Siegel,** author of Love, Medicine and Miracles, will be screened 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at 155 College St. Doors open at 7 p.m. for book browsing.

This is under the auspices of The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society. For information on monthly lectures or membership, call 781-0359.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

Adath Israel Community Participation Committee welcomes everyone to an open forum Christian-Jewish dialogue with members of St. Clement Anglican Church, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., for a discussion on Jewish and Christian Festival Cycles.

GOLDEN AGE OF POLISH JEWRY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Adult Education Wednesday evening lecture series. The Golden Age of Polish Jewry, continues 8-9 p.m. March 29 in the Arbuckle Hall, 100 Elder St. with a talk by **Rabbi Barry Schneider,** on The 20th Century - Poland Before the War.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 633-3838.

YIDDISH SONG

The Jewish Music Society of Toronto presents The Art of Yiddish Song, a recital with commentary by **Cantor Louis Danto,** 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Tickets, $6 (free to members of JMST) are available at Toronto Jewish Congress, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. 5th floor, and Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

JEWISH PRACTICE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting an Introduction to Jewish Practice with Wednesday evening lectures, 7.30-8.30 p.m. conducted by **Rabbi Philip Scheim.** The topic on March 29 will be Yom Kippur.

JEWISH GENEAOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Geneaological Society is slated for 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at Shaarei Shomayim synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. **Cantor Zvi Slotki** will discuss his family tree which includes noted European rabbis and cantors.

For more details call **Annette,** 782-4646.

JEWISH PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP

The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service (TAPJCS) presents a hands-on workshop on Getting Your Message Across, with **Gary Sim,** executive director of the Baycrest Foundation. This will offer basic skills and techniques for marketing programs, writting, preparation and public speaking. It takes place Wednesday, March 29 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Registration, $25, is 12.30-1 p.m., program, 1-5 p.m. with wine and cheeze following. For details call **Bea Bindman,** 537-0690.

Thursday, March 30

HOMOSEXUALITY

Homosexuality and the Jewish Family, a panel presentation with the parent of a homosexual plus **Rabbi Dow Marmur,** Holy Blossom Temple; and **Karen Kaffko,** family therapist, is scheduled for 8 p.m., Thursday, March 30 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Moderator is **Gordon Wolfe,** executive director, Jewish Family and Child Service.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

PASSOVER COOKING

Shaareh Haim Synagogue, Richmond Hill, is sponsoring a Passover cooking demonstration by sisterhood member **Terry Winston,** Thursday, March 30 at Elgin Barrow Arena (43 Church St., Richmond Hill) starting at 7.30 p.m.

For more details call the synagogue office, 884-3353.

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POLISH HOLOCAUST DISCUSSION

The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada cordially invites you to attend My Brother's Keeper? an evening with **Prof. Anthony Polonsky,** London School of Economics and director of the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies. This takes place 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30 at Holy Blossom Temple (Eisendrath auditorium), 1950 Bathurst St.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

JSU/HILLEL

Union/Hillel Shabbat dinner which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, March 31 in Hillel House. Cost is $6 with JSU card, $7 without and free to residence students with a card.

Find out about a 5-week trip to Israel sponsored by The Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of University of Toronto and Jewish Student Federation of York University. The tour departs May 8 to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) in Jerusalem. Spend two weeks working as volunteers for Israel plus three weeks in extensive cross-country touring. Cost (about $1700 Canadian) includes return air fare via El Al, guided bus tour, accommodation (3-star hotels, kibbutz guest houses, some hostels), two meals daily, seminars on current Israeli issues, archeological dig, Masada at sunrise and more.

For additional information call **Karen,** 923-9861 or **Claire,** 736-5179.

SINGLES RELAXZION IN ISRAEL

Here's a way for singles to visit Israel and not only see the country but learn something about what it would be like to live and work there.

The Israel Aliyah Centre and NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement) are planning an International Relaxzion in Israel for English speaking Jewish singles 25-40 years. Participants will travel throughout Israel, utilize and improve their Hebrew skills, take advantage of recreation activities and explore the country as a future living alternative. Arrangements can be made to meet with Israelis in your related profession to discuss job opportunities.

Dates are Aug. 7-20 with an option to remain through Aug. 27. Cost, $825 for 2 weeks, $1155 for 3 weeks, includes a 5-star hotel and two meals a day. Airfare is additional.

To inquire further, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St. Suite 202, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5Z3. Phone (416) 633-4766.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Ontario's Bill 124, which is of great importance to the Heritage of Children of Canada-Access to Grandparents group (to enable them to see their grandchildren), is going to committee April 7-12.

The grandparents' organization meets every 3rd Sunday of the month. Bill 124 will be discussed at the next meeting on April 16 at 1 p.m., in the J. Piccininni Community Centre, 1369 St. Clair Ave. W. (near Lansdowne).

For more information call 656-5408.

NORTH YORK LIBRARIES

The following are some of the upcoming programs in North York libraries.

Wednesday, March 29 from 1.30-3.15 p.m. at York Woods Library, 1785 Finch Ave. W., Exploring Adolescence - issues concerning youth will be discussed by counsellors of the Youth Clinical Services. Learn about the new addiction program offered at the clinic.

Thursday, March 30, from 7-8.30 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Regional Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence), Panorama of Yiddish Cultural Life - this verbal tour of Yiddish culture especially in the 20th century, will highlight language, literature, film and other art forms.

Tuesday, April 4, from 7-8 p.m. at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Travel Talk on China - **travel expert Doris O'Sulky** will show slides and talk about China.

Please pre-register for these library programs. For further information phone 733-5512.

SINGERS 55 PLUS

JCC Singers 55 Plus, are welcoming new members. Rehearsals are every Thursday morning, 9.30-11, at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 221.

JCC members who are interested in joining this 636-9468.

Commencing this month, performances will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 for the Independent Order of Foresters; 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at Baycrest Hospital; 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Baycrest Residence; 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at the Wagman Centre; 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at the JCC Senior Adult Services Luncheon, 4588 Bathurst St, Room 221; 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Beth Tzedec Synagogue and 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at Central Park Lodge, 14 William Morgan Dr.

If you are interested in booking the choir, call the president, Dolly Brown, 636-9468.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress line volunteers are available to listen at 636-9610. All Tel-Aide volunteer listeners have taken an extensive training course and are well qualified to listen.

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PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Attention, parents with young children. Beth Tikvah Synagogue is now accepting spring registration for two pre-school programs which begin on Wednesday, March 29.

Creating Together Jewishly, will be held 9.30-11 a.m. This is a creative playgroup for mothers and young children. Hebrew songs, and Jewish customs crafts will be emphasized for children 1-3 years.

First Year Parents Support Group, is slated for 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your babies (up to 12 months) for a stimulating 1½ hours of fun, music and learning.

Advance registration is necessary. For further details contact the Beth Tikvah youth office, 221-8994, or call 391-1200.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

Neil Simon's hit musical, They're Playing Our Song, continues until April 25 at the Leah Posluns Theatre. **Gerry Salsberg** and **Susan Hogan** star. Director is **Danny Simon**.

PRE-WAR PALESTINE REUNION

Yitzhak Yizranizki, now known as **Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir,** will appear at a reunion of 2,000 men and women who immigrated to pre-war Palestine in the 1930s after receiving British mandate certificates to study in the yishuv's only university at that time.

Any Canadians interested in participating in this reunion should contact the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Suite 208, Yorkdale Place, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Toronto M6A 3A1.

To inquire further, call 789-2633.

THE ISRAEL MEDICAL SYSTEM

Coping with the Israeli Medical System will be considered when **Sheila Dropkin,** national executive director of the Shaare Zedec Hospital Foundation, speaks at the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon at noon, following services, Saturday, April 8.

Reservations (paid) for the luncheon should be made no later than Wednesday, April 6. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Cost is $6.75 adults, $3.50 children under 12. Visa will be accepted.

SANDY OFFENHEIM AND FAMILY

Here's dynamic entertainment for the whole family at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., Sunday, April 2 at 1.30 p.m. Na'amat Canada Clubs Simcha and Tikvah present music by **Sandy Offenheim and Family** plus games, prizes and face painting for the kids.

Tickets are $4 through the clubs or at the door. For ticket information call **Brenda,** 886-0108 or **Barb,** 881-1262.

WORKING SKILLS FOR WOMEN

Are you looking for career advancement? Concerned about how computer technology will affect your future in the workplace?

Working Skills for Women offers a free 12-week program which provides an introduction to computers, a mathematics review and career counseling. An information/registration session will be held at the YWCA, 80 Woodlawn Ave. E. on Thursday, March 30 at 5.30 p.m. Courses begin June 28 and 29.

For more information call the YWCA at 961-8100 and ask for WorkingSkills for Women.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are required for a Boutique Sale to be organized by Golda Meir chapter, B'nai Brith Women, Sunday, April 16. If interested, call evenings, **Lilli, 223-4273 or Rene,** 731-7810.

SHAAREH HAIM PLACES FIRST

Five students from Shaareh Haim Hebrew School of Richmond Hill, took first place in the Regional Bible Contest for grades 5-8, held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The contest attracted ten afternoon religious schools associated with the Board of Jewish Education.

The Richmond Hill team came from grades 5 and 6 and were coached by teacher **Lisa Hemi.**

Two students, **Warren Pollock** and **Marcus Staviss,** will go on to the National Canadian Finals to be held in Toronto.

VOYAGE TO OUR PAST AND FUTURE

For details about a UJA student mission to significant locations in Poland and Israel this spring, May 14-31, open to anyone aged 18-25, please contact **Cindy Shecter,** 635-2883, ext. 190 (days) or **Ely Razin,** 221-3546 (evenings).

SOLO PARENTING WORKSHOP

Solo Parenting - Finding the balance between parenthood and personhood, is a 6-week workshop sponsored by the Jewish Family and Child Service. Topics include, building a life of your own; time management; listening to your child; looking ahead with confidence; parenting skills.

This starts Tuesday, April 4 from 7.30-9 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. 6th Floor. Fee is $40 and scholarships are available. Call **Freda** for further information, 638-7800, ext. 211.

TRUTH AND BEAUTY

Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., welcomes you to a scholar-in-residence weekend, In Search of Truth and Beauty, with **Lou Levine,** associate director of exhibits at the Royal Ontario Museum and professor of Near East studies at the University of Toronto.

Following 8.30 p.m. services in the temple, Prof. Levine will explore the museum as an institution within our society and suggest how the Jewish community should view such an institution.

The exploration of Truth and Beauty continues at breakfast, 9.30 a.m. Sunday, April 2 through examination of a biblical text.

Call 889-2252 for more details.

CHAT MUSICAL

Two performances of the musical, Petticoat Lane, will be presented by CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) students at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave.

For tickets, $6 per person, call CHAT, 636-5984.

Profits will be directed to Soviet Jewry.

USDS AND LEO BAECK LEARNATHON

Over 100 grade 7 and 8 students from United Synagogue Day School and Leo Baeck Day School participated in a Learnathon about Israel at the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst St. recently, raising funds to help Disabled Veterans of Israel Beit Halochem (Canada).

Close to $3,500 was realized for Beit Halochem in the weeks preceding the Learnathon.

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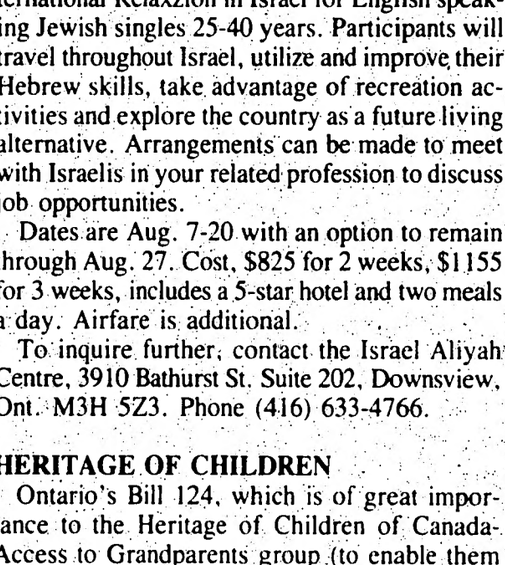
STERN COLLEGE HONORS ROTMANS

Sam and Mollie Rotman of Downsview will be honored at the 35th anniversary of Stern College, Yeshiva University's undergraduate division of liberal arts and sciences for women, on Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel a scholarship in perpetuity as part of the university's Bora Laskin scholarship fund for Canadian students.



YESHIVA SCHOLARSHIPS

Canadians David Kay of Winnipeg and Elliott Myles Fisher of Toronto have been awarded Dr. Samuel Belkin scholarships at Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University's men's undergraduate division of libral arts and sciences, in New York. They will receive over $6,000 in the course of their studies at YU.

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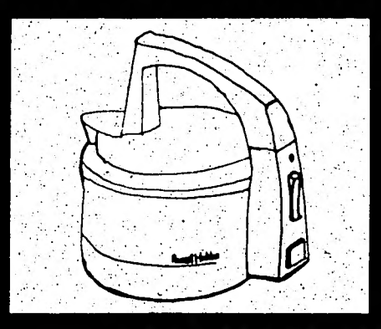

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MICROWAVE COOKING

Microways, the great microwave cookbook by **Noreen Gilletz** is now available from Simcha Branch, National Council of Jewish Women for $29.95.

On Tuesday, May 9, at 1.15 p.m. in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., there will be a cookbook demonstration with Noreen Gilletz featuring new recipes from her book. Admission is $15. Special package (admission and cookbook), $40. Babysitting is available on request.

For further information or to order cookbook/tickets contact **Gillian Sarfin,** 881-6255, **Lillian Tolensky,** 881-4721 or Council House, 633-5100.

CONTEMPORARY ART

An exhibition on Sunday, April 2 from 2-9 p.m. at the Inn on the Park, Wilket Creek Room, will feature original works by five contemporary artists, **Israel Broytman, Peter Brooks, Laurie Worrall, Nancy Lang and Hey Frey.**

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. announces registration for summer courses in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced (for adults and teens). The course runs from July 4-Aug. 22. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers and Keren Hatarbut promises that beginners will read, write and speak Hebrew by Aug. 22.

For consultation and registration, contact **Joseph Klinger,** 787-0197.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress is continuing its videotape documentation project of Holocaust survivors. The project is under the direction of **Paula Draper.**

Currently, the committee is looking for Holocaust survivors who lived in Nazi Germany between 1939-45 and also for survivors who grew up in Nazi Germany between 1933-39.

You will receive a copy of your videotape. The original remains with the Toronto Jewish Congress/Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Archives. Your testimony will serve as a permanent reminder for generations to come.

For more information and an application form, contact **Mark Freedman,** director, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, at 635-2883.

YIDDISH THRIVING IN NORTH YORK

Lovers of Yiddish, especially those who have only admired it from afar, will be happy to know that the North York Board of Education courses in conversational Yiddish will be continue into spring term. These weekly 2½ hour classes, taught by **Michael Wex,** begin the week of April 3 and continue for eight weeks. Beginner and intermediate courses will be offered plus advanced, should there be enough demand for it. Fee for all courses is $20.

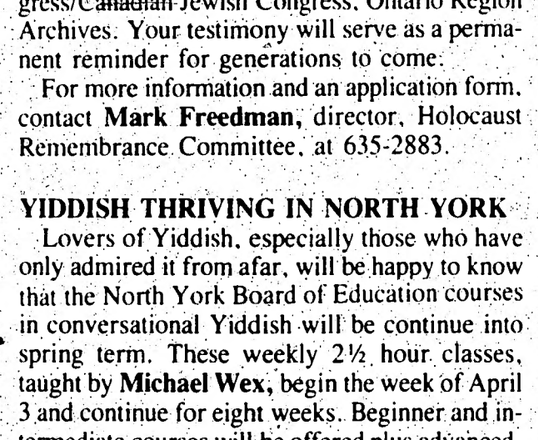
To inquire further, call Northview Heights Secondary School, 665-2700 or **Sylvia Lustgarten,** 635-2883, extension 155.

CHILDREN'S MAGIC

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents the famous Magic Unlimited Theatre Productions, an exciting fun-filled afternoon for children of all ages, 1- 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. (633-5500).

Tickets are available in advance for $5 at Art Ampersand in the Ultra Mart, Bathurst and Steeles Plaza, Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, or for $6 at the door, Sunday, April 2.

For more information call **Tiffany Pancer,** 731-2583 or **Goldie Risenman,** 226-4457.



BEATTY DROPS IN

Perrin Beatty, federal minister of health and welfare, recently visited Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Beatty (right), seen with Baycrest Centre president Sydney Loftus, was impressed with the way the facility has involved the entire community. "Every aspect of the Centre from the fund raising through to the placement of art on the walls, shows the care of a communtiy alive to the needs of its people," he said.

ADRIAN SZASZ PHOTOS

Faces of Romania, a photo exhibition by Adrian Szasz, is at the C'est What? Cafe, 67 Front St. E., corner of Church, until March 31. Szasz has exhibited in Brazil, Israel, Italy, Japan, his native Romania, and many other countries. For additional details, phone 867-9499.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

There are still some spaces available at Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Summer Day Camp for children ages 2½ (by July 1) to 4 years. The camp operates mornings, 9 a.m.-noon for three periods, full term, July 4-Aug. 11 or, shorter terms, July 4-July 21 and July 24-Aug. 11.

For applications, call the synagogue office, 781-3511.

HELP HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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Join in a Shabbat family worship service with story-sermon appropriate for children, at 7.45 p.m. in the Jewish Community Centre.

ORT TRIVIA NIGHT

Karmiel chapter of Toronto Women's ORT is holding a Trivia Night 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the Garnet Williams Community Centre, Thornhill. Call the ORT office at 787-0297 for tickets.

BAYVIEW AND 16th AVE.

Na'amat Canada-Toronto invites young married women living in the Bayview/16th Ave. area of Richmond Hill to inquire about its newest club. Call 636-5425 or **Emily,** 884-2981; 884-8559.

at the jcc

For information about the seder on April 20 at the Bloor Y, call Beverly Brock, 924-6211.

Applications are being accepted now for Summer Fun Camp at Bloor. Call Beverly, 924-6211.

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network is celebrating Purim on Saturday, March 25 at 8.30 p.m. with a Monte Carlo Night and Dance at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy games of chance, light bites and a cash bar. Admission is $9 per person.

On Friday, March 31, NE Valley Singles Network will have a Potluck Dinner and lecture at a member's home. RSVP.

It's brunch and a speaker at 7015 Leslie, for NE Valley Singles Network at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 2. The topic will be Mysticism in Judaism. Cost is $10. RSVP.

And, Sunday April 2 at 8 p.m., NE Valley Singles Network looks forward to a coffee and games night at 7015 Leslie. Admission is $3.

NE Valley Singles Network is planning a Passover seder, Wednesday, April 19.

For more information on any of the JCC Valley North-East Singles Network events listed, or to RSVP, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

The North-East JCC Valley is offering A Touch of Camp for children ages 5-11 this Passover break, April 24, 25 and 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program includes games, sports, trips and workshops. Call Luni, 889-0813.

NE JCC Valley is looking for counsellors for the Passover break program. Application forms are available at The Valley, 7015 Leslie, or for more information, call Luni, 889-0813.

for seniors

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., holds a luncheon meeting and bingo at noon, Tuesday, March 28. Remember the April 4th meeting, when **Dr. Peter Scholefield,** executive director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada will be present. Non-members are welcome at all meetings. For further information call 222-7727.

Senior Sinais' Golden Book is still ongoing. Place your donation with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

Book now for **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's** Homowack Hotel Catskill trip, July 18-26. Plans are moving ahead for an unusual 3-week Israel trip in November, which will include visits to Eilat as well as Ein Gedi and Lavi, a new kibbutz.

There is still time to reserve for the musical, What About Love at Cullen Barn Theatre, Wednesday, March 29. The bus departs at 10 a.m.

Ongoing programs, tai chi, dancercize, oil painting, continue indefinitely. To inquire about these or the Cullen barn musical, call **Ruth,** 224-5923 or **Lena, 785-5773.**

Earl Bales Seniors will have a dance with a live band, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 25 in the Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). Cost is $3 for members, $4, non-members. A Yiddish movie, Wedding in the Shtetl, with **Mike Burstyn,** will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. There is no charge. For additional information call **Charles Cohen,** 741-4462.

Former members of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** are welcome to attend the brotherhood breakfast club meetings on Sunday mornings. Check details in the What's New section under the Sunday date.

At the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30.

The Wellness Education Group at the Wagman Centre presents Help Yourself to Better Health: Nutrition for the Older Adult. Next lecture is 1.30-2.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 in the Assembly Room. To ensure seating, register by March 28. Admission is free. For further information call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Sunday, March 26, from 2-3 p.m., the movie comedy Tough Guys, (part 2) starring **Burt Lancaster** and **Kirk Douglas,** will be screened at the Wagman Centre and Tuesday, March 28 from 7.30-8.30 p.m. a concert featuring a Toronto Symphony string quartet will be presented.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

It's off on a trip to The Pines Hotel in the Catskills, Aug. 11-16. All-inclusive cost, $525 (Canadian funds) covers meals, gratuities, activities, insurance, Broadway style entertainment, lectures, tournaments and return transportation via air conditioned coach. For more information and registration date contact **Barbara Zigler,** 225-2112.

In Search of Meaning, an ongoing lecture series with **Hugh Innis,** continues Tuesday mornings, 10-12 in the synagogue. Everyone is welcome.

About People

NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Michael Gordon has been appointed medical director of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Dr. Michael Gordon

In his new position Dr. Gordon will head all five facilities — Baycrest Hospital, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Day Care for Seniors, Baycrest Terrace and the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre. As well, he will continue in his positions as head of the division of geriatrics of Mount Sinai Hospital and associate professor of medicine at the University of Toronto.

NEW BAYCREST ADMINISTRATOR

Moshe Greengarten has been named administrator of the Jewish Home for the Aged. Greengarten is currently the administrator of community services at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Coming to Baycrest in 1978, Greengarten was administrative assistant to executive director **Sam Ruth.** He was later appointed administrator of Baycrest Terrace and the Joseph and Minnie Wagman Centre.

WEIZMANN WOMEN

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science announces the creation of a new division, Weizmann Women for Science. Co-chairmen are Marian Craig (left) and Carol Gordon. The group's aim is to increase awareness of and support for the Institute. The first meeting will be held on April 6 at the home of Marvelle Koffler. For more information call Edie Bayer, 733-9220.

DIABETES ASS'N APPOINTMENT

The Canadian Diabetes Association, Toronto and District Branch announces the appointment with **Ruth Schwartz** as fund raising coordinator.

Ruth Schwartz

She will be responsible for the overall administration of the branch fundraising campaign, including annual appeal and special events and other fundraising projects during the year.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Adath Israel Singles -Trivia Night, Sunday, April 9th, 7:30p.m. $7.00. Reserve now 635-5340. Oneg Shabbat -"AIDS and the Jewish Dimension" presented by Dr. Andrew Simor, Infectious Disease Specialist of Mt. Sinai Hospital and the University of Toronto, and Rabbi Sheldon Korn. Friday, March 31, 8:00p.m. 37 Southbourne Ave., Bathurst/Wilson. 635-5340.

National Council of Jewish Women, Zahav Branch, presents a Spring Fever Dance March 25, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 4700 Bathurst St., Council House. Everyone 19+ welcome. Fabulous door prizes include: Dinners for two, a hotel weekend package, hockey tickets + more. Refreshments, music by Disc Jockeys Unlimited. Tickets $8 advance, $10 at door. For tickets or more information: Council House, 633-5100.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents April Fool's Singles Party, Saturday, April 1st, 8:30 p.m. **Parkview Club,** across parking lot from Inn-on-the-Park (Leslie/Eglinton). $8. 222-7111.

MYSTERY (mis'tere)-"something that remains secret or unknown so as to excite curiosity." Singles are invited to enjoy delectable dining adventures with a "mystery" theme. (April 2&9. $25). For more info call MYSTERY MAVENS 225-8084.

Book now for **Clevelands House Singles Weekend,** May 19-22 (Victoria Day Weekend). Featuring: tennis, parties, murder mystery, relaxation workshop. $270 until April 10th. **222-7111.**

JCC Singles Network is holding a brunch with lecture on Sunday, April 2nd at 11a.m. at N.E. Valley, 7015 Leslie St., Thornhill. Topic: "Mysticism in Judaism." Admission $10.00. For reservations call Luni or Risa 889-0813.

Incontinence to be studied

TORONTO –

Incontinence is an embarassing and frustrating disability, and most people are quick to dismiss incontinence as one of those problems that "just happens in old age." It's true that older people are prone to experiencing incontinence, but according to Anita Saltmarche, a geriatric clinical nurse specialist in acute care at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, "people look at this as an unavoidable disability rather than one that has distinct causes."

Saltmarche and her co-investigators have just been awarded $95,000 by Health and Welfare Canada's National Health and Research Development Program to undertake an 18-month study on the behavioral management of urinary incontinence.

The distinguishing feature of this study, entitled, *Habit Retraining for Geriatric Urinary Incontinence,* is that it is using a randomized controlled selection of patients, which Saltmarche says will produce more conclusive results.

Organizations and People

Dance raises more than $4,000

UJA's student campaign swings

TORONTO —

One of the most successful United Jewish Appeal student campaign dances in the more than 10 years since the event began was held recently at the Ontario Science Centre.

The dance, organized by the student campaign committee, raised more than $4,000 for the 1989 campaign from the 400 young people who attended.

The committee of eight representing the University of Toronto and York University, has as its overriding purpose, the development of a corps of new upcoming community leadership, UJA says.

On the committee are Randall Abramson, Pam Day, Pearl Gropper, Marcy Kroach, Leslie Lerer, Hyla Schwebel, Mark Silver and Karen Tarshis.

At a recent UJA dance are student campaign committee members (standing) Mark Silver, Karen Tarshis and Randall Abramson. In the front are Hyla Schwebel, Marcy Kroach and Pearl Gropper. Not seen are Leslie Lerer and Pam Day.

"Committed to the Future," the catch-phrase for the 1989 student campaign, spells out what UJA has been aiming for in the past 15 years during which it has maintained a presence on Toronto's two major university campuses.

The slogan, which originated with the student campaign committee, has as its goal an ongoing involvement with UJA long after graduation and the settling into careers, UJA says.

On the current agenda is a Student Mission to Poland and Israel, slated for May 14-May 31. Chaired by Gropper and Ely Razin, it is sponsored by UJA/TJC in affiliation with the Jewish Students Network.

Other UJA activities in recent weeks have included telethons at York, U of T and the Lipa Green Building, as well as UJA Blitz Days on campus to heighten campaign awareness, say committee members.

Retirement dinner proves to be a "first"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

There's very little out of the usual in a retirement party being held at a synagogue for two community leaders.

However, when both honorees and the majority of those in attendance are not Jewish, it adds up to a first for the Association of Justices of the Peace of Metropolitan Toronto.

Bernard Gottlieb, one of the four justices involved in organizing the retirement, said the site was chosen after the association narrowed down the list of possible locations and settled on Adath Shalom Synagogue.

Other members of the organizing committee included Neil Burgess, president of the association, Robert Lewin and Larry Tatangelo.

He said the dinner proved to be a "first" in many respects, as spouses and members of the judicial system joined the group in honoring Justices Douglas White and Robert Tivey.

"For many it was their first introduction to a synagogue and a kosher meal and kosher wine," said Gottlieb, who has served as executive director of Beth Shalom Synagogue, the last executive director of the Toronto Jewish Old Folks' Home and first superintendent of Baycrest Centre.

"Everyone enjoyed the evening immensely," he added.

Justice Arthur Downes, an Anglican, made the motzi, Justice David Lippingwell introduced Tivey and Justice Morris Rotman introduced senior honoree White. Both honorees are members of the United Church.

Gottlieb said the honorees, who have 76 years of combined service in the judicial system, responded in "good humor and full measure" to the various tributes and thanked the 170 members of the court system — 98% of whom were non-Jews — for attending.

Among the 76 years of combined service, Gottlieb said White and Tivey have spent approximately 40 years combined on the bench as a JP.

As such, they have been responsible for rendering judicial decisions relating to municipal bylaws, the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Act, Trespass Act and the Vendors Act. A JP also sets bail, issues search warrants, performs about 12 marriages a day and issues and signs informations or charges.

The latter duty arises when a citizen comes before a JP and swears a charge.

"This was the way the (Ernst) Zundel case started," Gottlieb said.

He said the majority of justices are promoted to the bench after serving as clerks and reporters in the court system.

"They serve as the first level of the judicial system," he said. "It is an awesome responsibility. A justice of the peace can sentence someone to jail upon conviction or issue a fine up to $100,000."

Israel exports double

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel's exports to Asia have doubled over the last two years, from $725 million in 1986 to $1.5 billion in 1988. The industry and trade ministry announced that Asia now accounts for 15.2% of the country's total exports.

Diamonds are Israel's biggest export to Asia, but there has been a growth in the export of chemicals, agricultural produce, and electronic equipment and instruments.

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Organizations and People

Hamilton Jewish leader leaves communal work

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
After 25 years in communal work, Sid Brail is calling it quits. The executive director of both the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Centre recently announced his resignation, six months earlier than the five years he had planned to stay.

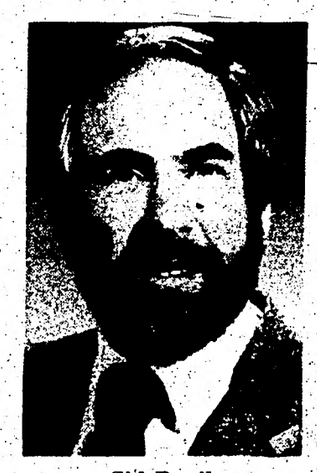
Brail is frankly tired. His dual role, the move of the JCC and federation offices to the west end and the resulting rapid growth in centre activities, plus the additional daily 2½ hours of driving to and from his home in Toronto, have taken their toll.

"It just proved too much," said Brail, who will be leaving by the end of this month to go into business for himself.

A long-time secret hankering to set up a hardware store did not prove feasible but kitchen cabinets, closets and vanities are the next best thing and he's looking at related hardware and gadgets.

For Brail it means a complete break after 25 years of communal work in Canada and the U.S.

A native of Vancouver and graduate of UBC, his first job was with the YMHA in Montreal, where he met his wife Judy, an occupational therapist. A scholarship from the Y enabled him to obtain his Master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. Following another stint in Montreal, he also worked in JCCs in New



Sid Brail

Jersey, Cleveland and Toronto.

Brail came to Hamilton 4½ years ago as a result of his first brief foray into private business, Sibra Associates, a consulting firm he founded to provide management services to the volunteer sector.

Initially hired for six months on a part-time basis, Brail was appointed executive director of both federation and the JCC a year later. He continued to commute from Toronto because he did not want to interrupt the education of his children, Les and Shauna, aged 16 and 15 respectively at the time and both in high school.

Energetic and business-like, Brail made every minute count. Often in Hamilton by 8 a.m. for early morning meetings, staying late most nights for board and committee meetings, back again Sundays for JCC programs and in attendance at most major community events, he seemed indefatigable.

A direct phone line made him accessible 24 hours a day in case of emergency and a phone and tape recorder in his car made even driving time productive.

But, in the end it proved too much. "The reason I'm going," said Brail, "is because the place is growing so rapidly. There just isn't enough time to do everything."

When he first came, the old Delaware St. JCC was a run down place where "nothing was happening." Since then, "the biggest physical thing we did" was the purchase of property in the west end for a new JCC.

Following the move, "programs began to intensify," JCC membership more than doubled and use of the JCC quadrupled. But 10 to 15 years of inactivity are very hard to overcome. "People had given up on the JCC and it just wasn't part of their lifestyle. It will take a number of years," added Brail, "for it to become re-established."

He provided professional leadership at a time when the community was going through "a tremendous transition" and he is not leaving with any regrets or the feeling of not having accomplished anything. On the contrary, said Brail, "I accomplished a lot. I'm just tired."

Both HJF president Phil Leon and JCC president Michael Kemeny praise Brail. Says the former: "We must continue with Sid's philosophy of turning adversity into opportunity. Sid leaves us a rich legacy that we will build on."

Adds Kemeny: "Sid's heart was always in the right place. His ideas will be an inspiration for us for many years to come. I, personally, am thankful for the good working relationship I always had with him."

And now it's on to something entirely different for Brail. Following the Home Show, March 31-April 10, at the Colosseum, Brail will be selling kitchen and other cabinets and dispensing advice to do-it-yourselfers at Sibra Kitchen–Cabinets, Closets and Vanities at John and Steelcase Rd. in Markham.

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Moroccan rabbi assists Sephardi yeshivas

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
The life mission of Moroccan-born Rabbi David Pinto is closer to fulfilment after Toronto's Sephardi community recently honored the visiting rabbi at a fund raising dinner for his yeshivas at the Magen David Congregation.

Pinto's mission, said Prosper Lugassy, organizer of the event, is to establish 26 Sephardi yeshivas around the world. Five yeshivas have already been built: in France, England and Israel, he said.

"This project was actually the dream of his late father Rabbi Moshe Pinto, himself a Moroccan tzaddik and the son of one of Morocco's most famous tzaddakim — Rabbi Haim Pinto — who lived in Morocco 150 years ago," said Lugassy, whose wife Karen is a direct descendent of the Pinto family.

All proceeds of the fund raising dinner, Lugassy added, are going to the establishment of another 21 Sephardi yeshivas, one of which Rabbi Pinto would like to build here in Canada.

Addressing the 100 guests in French, Pinto, a resident of Lyon, France, and honored by Moroccan Jews around the world, said his work is chiefly devoted to fighting assimilation and intermarriage, to helping Jews become more Torah observant and to preserving Sephardi traditions.

He said many Sephardi Jews today still believe firmly in God, but do not observe the laws of Torah. For example, to these Jews who tell him they would like to pray each morning, but don't have time, his response is: "What if Hakadosh Borachu didn't have time to return your neshama (soul) to you every morning when you wake up?"

As to the situation today in Israel, Pinto said security there was more a spiritual problem than a physical one. Indeed, he said, the Jews there were insecure because they have distanced themselves from Torah and Torah values.

Adding to the spirit of simcha and giving that evening, Simon Sibonny sang more than a dozen piyutim of his own composition, honoring the memory of Pinto's father and grandfather, and other North African tzaddakim such as Baba Sali and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Lugassy, chairman of the Magen David synagogue finance committee, told The CJN that the respect accorded Pinto that evening reflected the special honor which Moroccan Jews have for their great rabbis and tzaddakim and their concern for their Judaism and Sephardi heritage.

The preservation of Sephardi traditions and the fight against assimilation was the theme echoed by all the other speakers that evening, including Simon Keslassy, president of the Ontario Sephardi Association.

Maurice Benzacar, President of the Canadian Sephardic Association, told the gathering the establishment of the yeshivas was vital to the preservation of Sephardi culture wherever Moroccan Jews live and a safeguard against assimilation.

Adding his own rich vocals to the many piyutim sung that evening, Benzacar told the gathering: "Give to our Sephardi schools and yeshivot so that we can pass on our traditions to our children."

Joseph Elbaz, prayer-leader at Magen David, recited the motzi over the bread. Other head table guests include the President of Magen David synagogue, Albert Zrihen.

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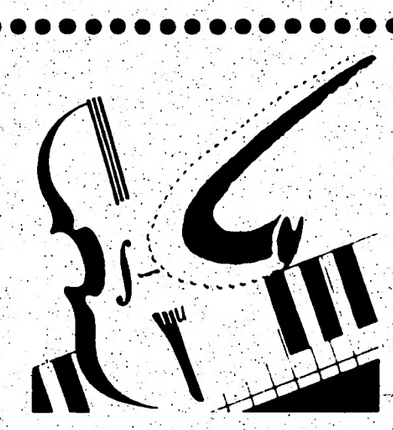

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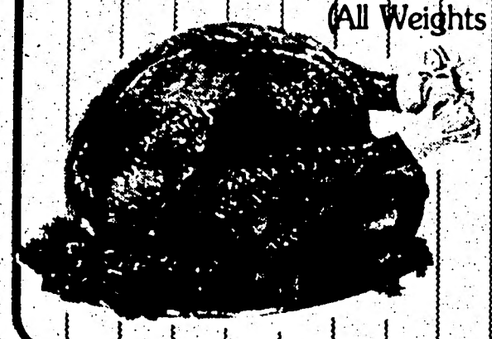

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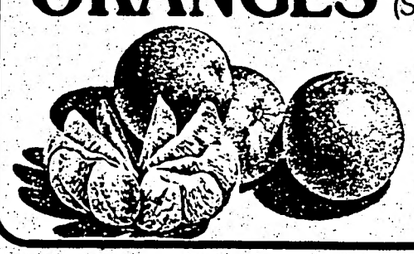

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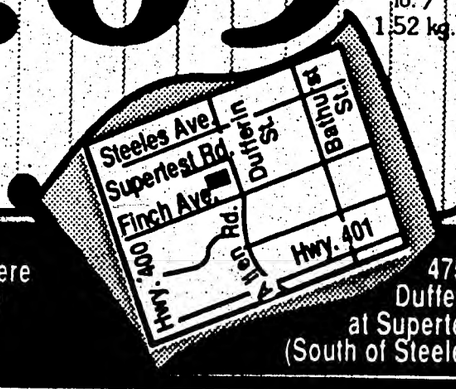

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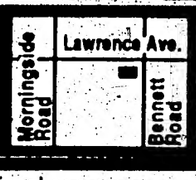

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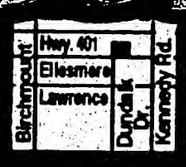

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Organizations and People

Throw light on chassidic mystic

"Besht" documents found

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Documents in a Polish archive pertaining to the legendary 18th-century chassidic mystic and healer Israel Ben Eliezer Baal Shem Tov have been found by a Bar-Ilan University professor.

Murray Rosman, who spoke in Toronto recently on The Search for the Historical Baal Shem Tov, found, in a library in Cracow, a 250-year-old list of taxpayers for the town of Miedzyboz, where the "Besht" lived from 1740 to his death in 1760.

An entry in 1740 and again two years later lists a "kabbalist" living in the house belonging to the local kahal, or Jewish council, said Rosman, a member of Bar Ilan's history department. Subsequent entries to 1760, referring to the "Baal Shem" and the "doctor," indicate not only that the Besht continued to live in the house of the kahal until his death but also that he was exempted from paying taxes.

As well, the Besht apparently received a yearly stipend or living allowance from the community, as did several of his disciples.

Some listings mention the Besht's scribe Hirsh, who is named in Shivhei Ha-Besht ("In Praise of the Baal Shem Tov"), the first major collection of tales and stories about the Besht and his followers, published in 1814. The tax rolls also refer to a son-in-law of the Besht who is also mentioned in Shivhei Ha-Besht, and to a stepson, Shmuel, "whose name we have never heard before."

Scholars agree that the Besht was a spiritual healer, a charismatic person of humble origin who loved ordinary people; an extraordinary man who told extraordinary stories and prayed in ecstasy. But beyond the basics, there has been a wide divergence of opinion.

Was he the founder of a major movement or merely the head of a circle of Jewish mystics? Did he help the poor through non-religious forms of social activism? Did he rebel against the Jewish religious establishment?

Until now, said Rosman, the answers have turned primarily on whichever interpretation of the sayings and legends you accept. However, by consulting non-Jewish sources — "an obvious avenue of research that scholars had previously neglected" — Rosman seems closer to some definitive answers.

For instance, his discovery that the Besht and some other kabbalists were accorded free rent and living allowance suggests that he "was not the leader of a movement but the head of a group of mystics." Likewise, after analyzing town records Rosman concluded that, contrary to being poverty-stricken, Miedzyboz was a prosperous and growing town, and a vital link on a trade route through the region. Thus, "the Besht's activities were not rooted in poverty and suffering."

A Jewish responsum which Rosman found may offer the most telling information of all. Besides the Besht's very own signature, it contains a record of his decision against a rabbi who had been too lenient in a kashruth-related matter.

The Besht, who urged that the rabbi be dismissed, was evidently "not anti-establishment," Rosman says. That interpretation is bolstered by the Besht's living arrangements and the numerous references to him as a healer and a doctor over two decades, which indicate that "he was honored and respected from the beginning."

Before the appearance of Gershom Scholem's definitive essay on the Besht in 1960, some authorities professed doubt that a historical Baal Shem Tov, Master of the Good Name, had actually existed.

"Scholem didn't have to work so hard," Rosman comments. "The Besht lived, and the indisputable evidence for this has been sitting in Cracow for nearly 200 years."

Rosman's talk was one of the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lectures.

Dublin Jewish mayor to address luncheon

TORONTO —

The joys of Canadian multicultural friendship will be celebrated in style March 28 when the Lord Mayor of Dublin, a Jew, addresses a luncheon sponsored jointly by the Columbus Centre and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University Toronto chapter.

Comedian Johnny Wayne will introduce the Lord Mayor, Ben Briscoe, who is on a North American tour in honor of Dublin's 1000th birthday. Briscoe is Dublin's second Jewish mayor — his father was the first. His mayoral coat of arms includes a large Magen David.

Briscoe was elected to the Dail (the Irish parliament) in 1965 and has won every election since then. He served as assistant chief whip in the Dail from 1977 to 1983 and 1986-88.

He was first elected to Dublin City Council in 1967 and was elected lord mayor last July. Briscoe has been active on human rights issues and has visited Israel on several occasions.

Ron Barbaro

Ron Barbaro, president and chief executive officer of the Canadian Division of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America is coordinating the event, which will be held at the Montecassino Place.

In an interview, Barbaro said 1,000 people are expected to attend the friendship luncheon, which is a fund raiser for both the Columbus Centre and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 1986, Barbaro was the honoree at a Hebrew U Friends dinner in Toronto to establish the Ron Barbaro Chair of Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University. The Hebrew U share of the funds raised at the March 28 luncheon will go to the Barbaro chair.

Many younger people are coming to the luncheon, said Barbaro, stressing the importance of passing on to new generations the friendship that has existed between the Italian and Jewish communities.

"There is a warm understanding between our lifestyles," he said. "The chemistry is always right."

The price of the luncheon is $135 per person. For further information, please call Dayle Rakowsky at 789-2633.

Middle East "climate" hurting universities

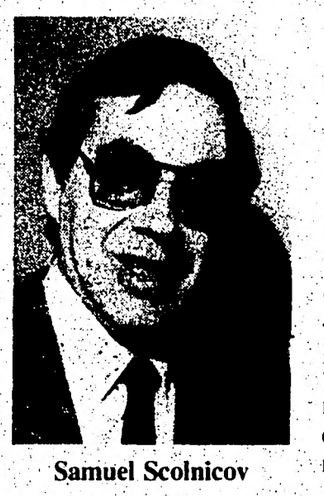
TORONTO —

Israel is watching its institutions of higher learning deteriorate daily, says Samuel Scolnicov, senior lecturer in philosophy and education at the Hebrew University.

In a recent interview, Scolnicov said that because of the political climate in the Middle East, the government in Jerusalem tends to look at the universities from a very short perspective and doesn't give them enough money.

Scolnicov was in Toronto as the Halbert Visiting Fellow at the University of Toronto, the first person to hold the position. The fellowship was established by Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto as part of a larger exchange program between the Hebrew University and U of T.

Scolnicov said the problem with government is not that politicians are "philistines," but that for



Samuel Scolnicov

them, worldwide, universities are a far lower priority then inflation, unemployment, security and other matters which appear to have greater immediate practicality.

The available funding is increasingly selective and often from outside Israel, earmarked for specific research projects, Scolnicov said. Although beneficial in itself, this may very often have the negative effect of dictating the focus of research.

Practical scientific research, or areas in which there is an immediate interest, like Middle East Studies or Arabic, or some deep commitment, like Jewish studies, are the biggest recipients, he said. This leaves little for basic research or broader humanistic concerns like history or literature.

"That's the sort of path that, once you go down it, it is very difficult to come back," Scolnicov said.

"The university as a repository of culture is in danger of turning into something else, if indeed it has not already done so. Culture doesn't pay for itself — culture eats up money. But a university has to be a place where everything is studied, not for today's sake, but for the sake of itself."

Scolnicov, who is spending most of this year in Cambridge as Fellow of the High Table at King's College, noted that the Hebrew University was established as "the university of the Jewish people" by those, like Martin Buber, for whom founding a state meant institutionalizing the cultural foundation of the nation.

The most obvious example of the Hebrew University's universality, he said, is the Jewish National and University Library, "which is not only the university library, but a national library, the library of the Jewish people."

Recreation needs studied

RICHMOND HILL —

The Town of Richmond Hill will plan its recreation needs with the help of a $14,000 grant, Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Hugh O'Neil recently announced.

The grant comes under the ministry's community recreation planning program and will finance a feasibility study of present and future arenas in Richmond Hill.

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Organizations and People

Training ground for lay leaders

BBYO reaches out to regions

By
AVI HYMAN

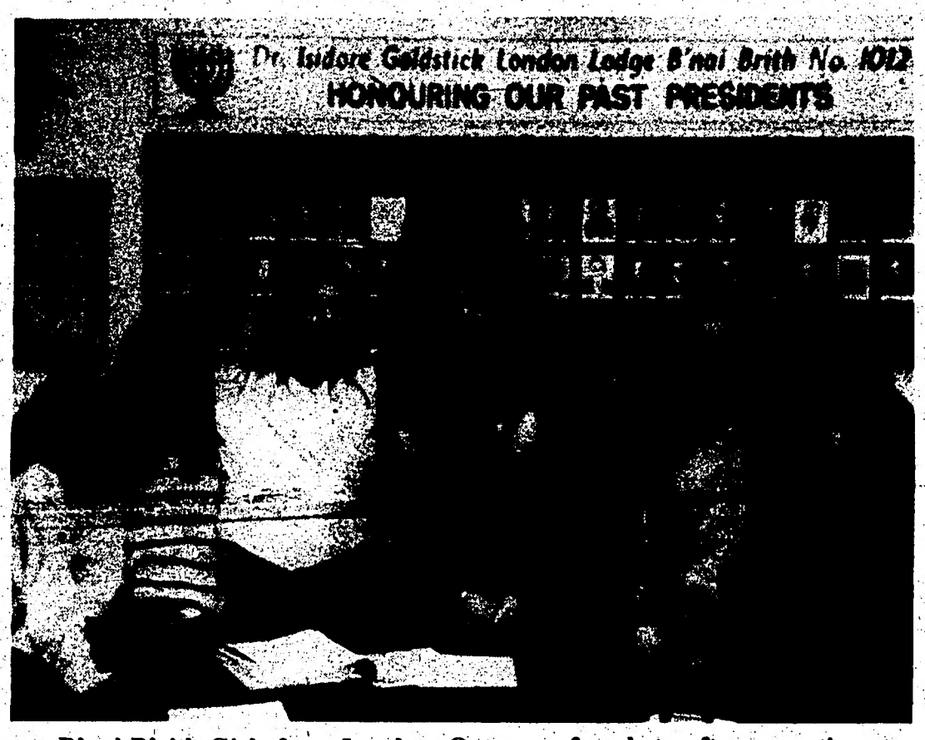
TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) bills itself as the "largest Jewish youth organization in the world," but with Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy) having once been a member, it could be the largest in the galaxy.

And the Lake Ontario Region of BBYO (which includes Toronto) is one of the largest North American regions with a membership of nearly 800 paid up members.

Says Arlo Gutner, regional director of Lake Ontario Region, "BBYO is a youth led — youth run organization where the kids have an 'I own it' approach to programming."

And because the kids are involved with every aspect of BBYO programming, from fund raising for the programs right on up, BBYO ends up being much more than a social organization for Jewish high school students.



B'nai B'rith Girls from London, Ont. pose for photo after a meeting.

"A study showed that many lay leaders in the community were in BBYO," said Gutner. "And these are mostly public school kids that are not affiliated with synagogues or other Jewish organizations," he added.

Like their To-the-Parent guide says, "BBYO recognizes the need, as our society and its pressures grow more complex, to help youth deal effectively with their problems."

To achieve this, Lake Ontario Region has five professional staff members to help the kids find a balance in the different streams of programming which includes social, athletic, cultural and communal service aspects.

There are also "adult volunteers, many of whom have come back to BBYO (having once been members themselves) to help guide a chapter as an advisor," Gutner said.

In the past, the programs have ranged from being passive (the BBYO house being used as a place to "just hang out") to being very active (a 26-day rotating hunger strike for Soviet Jewry or the adopt-a-grandparent intergenerational program).

But Gutner sees two major areas for future development.

One will be the focusing by BBYO on the current trend toward placing a great deal of importance on education and careers that is popular among kids today; and the second is reaching out to new Jewish communities in the regions, which includes much of South-Central and Eastern Ontario and Upstate New York.

"We are starting to service new development areas, like Mississauga, Brampton and Markham, where very often the kids are contacting us; we are giving consideration to satellite offices to service those areas," said Gutner.

This of course does not mean that the old program regulars like the Israel Summer Institute, the International and Chapter Leadership Conferences and the Capital Cities Tour are being ignored. In fact, says Gutner, many programs for the coming summer are already wait-listed.

B'nai B'rith Hillel planning for future

TORONTO —

More than 40 years ago, first at Queens, then Montreal and Toronto, B'nai B'rith Hillel got its Canadian kickstart.

In a recent interview Marcel Wieder, BB's national director of youth services and Marc Lampert, the national Hillel chairman, said the student group remains "a fairly viable Jewish organization on individual campuses, but not nationally."

The future is toward the creation of a supportive outlook where one group can get the brotherhood support from others, said Lampert.

"That means we have to start dealing with a new type of student, one who is dedicated to school and career, yet more cosmopolitan," Wieder added.

"We are planning to start gearing programs to that phenomenon by bringing in professionals and businessmen through a mentor program, in use already in some American cities," Wieder added.

And while both agree that involvement in programs at smaller colleges can be better because of less external pressures on the students, "new directions may also include a lower-key approach, as a provider of resources to student programmers."

One of the new directions that B'nai B'rith is employing combines the "revamping of national contact programs" and the career-track orientation.

The fairly new national organization of Jewish law students, a separate entity from Hillel, has proven to be a very viable alternative, having just successfully held a major convention.

Further considerations are underway for medicine and business schools which would be mobilized in the same general way as the law students and use the same general concepts as the Alpha Omega fraternity of dentists.

But, said Wieder, this does not mean that Hillel will forsake its traditional roles as Israel promoter and, guard against anti-semitism.

In fact, a lot of time and effort is being devoted to "programs designed to combat the new style of growing anti-semitism and anti-Israel activity on campuses," including such fads as "Jap-Busting," where Jewish students are publicly harassed, a problem reported at some American universities, said Wieder.

Another area of activity is providing college students with the most affordable and exciting organized tour of Israel being offered in 1989, as the Toronto-area groups are doing.

One of the biggest problems facing Hillel for the future however, is neither apathy nor anti-semitism, but, "fragmentation caused by the duplication of services by different community groups, compounded by multiple sources of income for individual campuses," said Wieder.

For Lampert and Wieder, the road to future success for Hillel will be to continue offering the olive branch, "to work cooperatively with other organizations for better delivery of services," because in the end it is the students who count.

Joe Clark will speak at BB fete for Gotlieb

OTTAWA —

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark will deliver the keynote address at a gala black-tie dinner dance on Tuesday, April 4, at the Westin Hotel when Allan Gotlieb, Canada's recently retired ambassador to the United States, receives the 1989 B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit.

The Award of Merit is presented annually by B'nai B'rith Canada to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Canadian society, says Moishe Smith, National chairman of the BB Foundation. The tribute to Gotlieb will be an acknowledgement of his 31-year career with the Canadian public service.

Previous Ottawa recipients are Robert Campeau, Jean Pigott and Gordon Henderson.

The proceeds of the function will be used for the ongoing programs and services of B'nai B'rith Canada.

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Organizations and People

19th folkdance breaks records

Rikudiyah proves popular

By
DORIS STRUB
EPSTEIN

TORONTO —
The recent 19th annual Rikudiyah children's Israeli folkdance festival, broke records both for the number of children participating and the size of the audience.

Two hundred people were turned away as the large Tait McKenzie gym at York University quickly filled to capacity.

For Teme Kernerman, founder and director of the Rikudiyah, this has been a dream project that become a reality, beyond her expectations.

The first Rikudiyah was in 1970. Forty children took part and it was held in a meeting room in the Jewish Community Centre.

Today, under the co-sponsorship of the Jewish Community Centre and the Board of Jewish Education, it has grown to 500 participating children from Jewish schools and organizations throughout Toronto.

Kernerman's philosophy helps to motivate the children and alleviates their fears of performing.

"I believe in performance without pressure," she said, "my instructions to teachers are to encourage every child to participate." The teacher even dances with them for support.

The older kids do more choreographed dances. This year 4 groups of teenagers performed. In addition, the Villagefolk Ensemble, an adult group, performed a Yemenite Suite, choreographed by Israel Yakovee, noted Israeli choreographer.

Kernerman first became involved with Israeli folkdancing when she was a teenager through a Toronto Zionist youth organization.

"Dances were very simple and very social 40 years ago," she said. "The context was a tight circle. There were very few couple dances, as there are now. Often there were no records and we sang." Contemporary Israeli dances are much more sophsiticated and have intricate choreographies.

The music reflects the current pop trends as well as folk melodies.

The Rikudiyah featured dances both new and old and Kernerman said it is a cultural and educational event.

"Thousands of children in identifying with Israeli dances are identifying with their heritage," Kernerman stated.

As a result of the Rikudiyah, Israeli folkdancing has been incorporated into the curiculum of many schools.

"I believe Israeli dance is a living, unifying force that unites the Jewish people with Israel," Kernerman said. "Through the impact of movement and music, we can reach children and people of all ages so that Israeli dance becomes a joyous experience and a connecting link with Israel."

Dancers from Bialik Hebrew Day School perform at Rikudiyah.

Isaac named to hospital post

By
BEN ROSE

Dr. Geoffrey Isaac

TORONTO —
"As an immigrant, Canada was good to me and I want to put back at least part of what I received," says Dr. Geoffrey Isaac, 61, who has just been elected chief of the medical staff at Scarborough General Hospital. He came to Canada from England in 1955.

Isaac is the first family doctor to be named chief of staff at the hospital. A gregarious man whose sense of humor bubbles just below the surface, he believes in giving a large slices his time to the welfare of his colleagues. He was elected president of the Ontario Medical Association in 1983-84 after 10 years of committee and board duties for the OMA.

He is set to give the 500 doctors on the hospital's staff the benefit of his energy — the medical staff chief is responsible to the board of governors for the standard of medical care in the hospital. "I get much intellectual stimulation from the people I meet and work with," he said.

He is continuing his own private practice in Scarborough as a family doctor with his wife, Dr. Pearl Arshawsky, who hails from Melville, Sask., and Dr. Viv Chrom. He met his wife when both were interns at Mount Sinai hospital.

The future of the family practitioner in Ontario is a bit clouded, he said. "In the short term there will be increasingly detailed government control over the health care system," he said. "This will lead to a considerable amount of frustration as a result of working under these constraints.

"Ten years down the road, unfortunately, there will be two standards of care, government care and private care, as there is in Britain and under which I practiced."

Despite the pessimistic picture in his crystal ball, Dr. Isaac noted that the number of medical students in Ontario choosing family practice is going up, and one factor in their favor is that the government wants to give them a larger role, to cut down on the expense of specialists.

Isaac said 50% of students choosing the GP course are women and that one reason women are attracted to it is that the 2-year specialty course instead of the 4-year one for other specialties leaves them able to bear children at an earlier age.

He established his practice near the Scarborough General in 1956, just as the hospital was opening, and he has been on its staff for the 33 years since, being its chief of family practice 1985-88. He knows most of the hospital's doctors personally.

The chief of staff is elected by the medical advisory committee which in turn is made up of the heads of all the hospital's medical departments.

The medicare system which requires the family doctor to see a higher volume of patients and to know them less is discouraging, he said, "because most people go into medicine because they like people."

He is confident family doctors will find their own niches in hospitals, in emergency and long term care and perhaps doing some of the work of interns because the government plans to reduce the number of interns.

Among well known members of the hospital's medical staff, Isaac said, are Dr. Harold Stein, a pioneer of cataract removal and lens implantation, and Dr. Lloyd Carlsen, a plastic surgeon who helped establish one of the province's first burn units.

The Isaac's two daughters are both in the health field — Dr. Beverley Shnier, a dental surgeon with an office on Cumberland St. and an interest in dental care of long term patients at the Queen Elizabeth and Scarborough General, and Dr. Sandra Davis, a first year resident in family practice at North York General hospital.

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At the direction of Vaughan Council, a study is being prepared by the Town of Vaughan Planning Department to review zoning standards within the R1-V Old Village Residential Zone of By-law 1-88 as it relates to the Old Thornhill Village Area, as shown on the map. The purpose of this study is to determine the nature of amendments to By-law 1-88 which should be enacted to protect the desireable characteristics of the area while allowing sufficient flexibility to provide for the creations of new housing stock.

Vaughan Council has scheduled a hearing to notify the public and receive comments, on

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Written comments of any persons unable to attend should be received no later than April 5, 1989, or hand delivered prior to the meeting date. Please refer to Files 19.25 and Z.20.89. Further information may be obtained by visiting or contacting the Vaughan Planning Department at 832-8565. A copy of the subject staff report will be available from the Vaughan Clerk's Department on the Friday preceding the meeting, after 12:00 noon.

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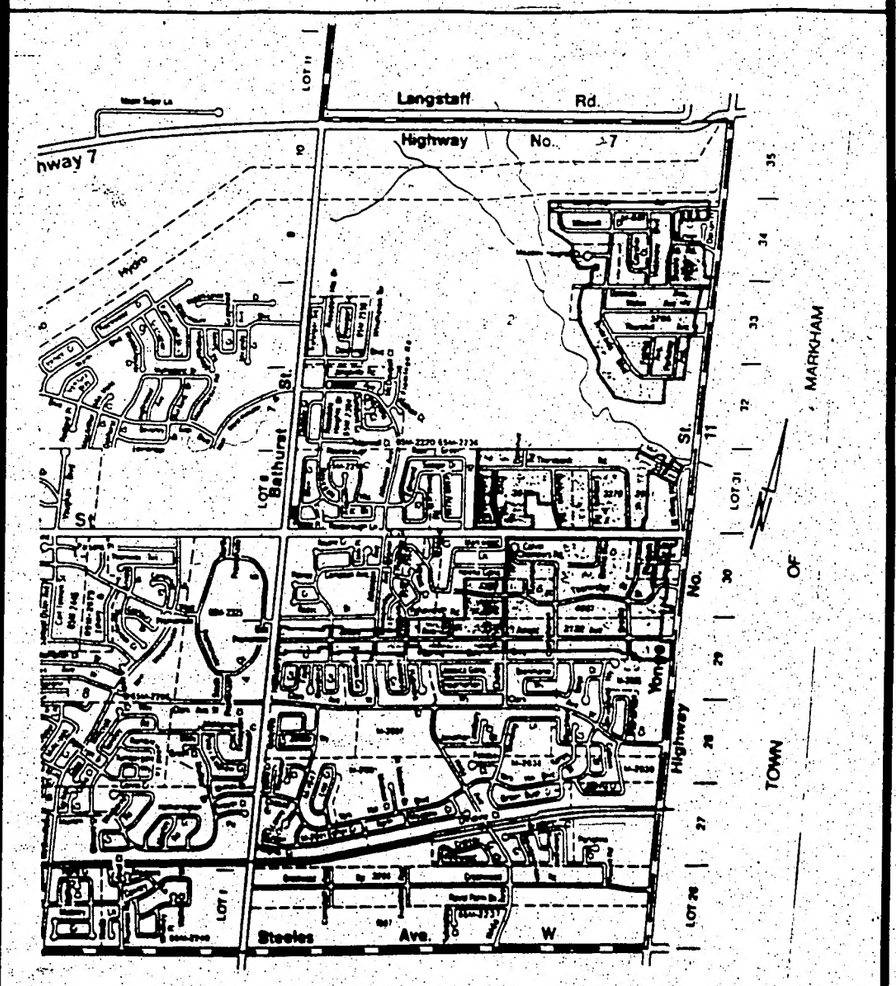

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Maintaining friendships and offering support

Ohr Somayach establishes alumni association

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The desire to maintain the strong bonds of friendship formed by students involved in Ohr Somayach, an educational institution for baalei teshuva, has led it to form an alumni association.

The association will also encourage on-going learning, and offer support in the often difficult path to observance.

The new venture was kicked off in Toronto with a melave malka held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill. The evening was also the first reunion of Ohr Somayach graduates, whose Jerusalem facility was opened in 1970.

Rabbi Mendel Weinbach, a founder of the institution, spoke of his "deep feelings" as he met and talked with those "whose lives I touched over the years."

He related anecdotes about people "from the waystations of Ohr Somayach," such as the young Soviet immigrant studying at the Jerusalem headquarters who brought his completely assimilated father when the elderly man arrived in Israel.

Weinberg described how the father was encouraged to have a bris, and afterwards, he put on a tallis, said the Shema and used his Hebrew name — all for the first time.

There were chuckles and sideways glances from the nearly 50 alumni there (many with their wives, and some with small children as well) as Weinbach reminisced about "the backpackers who stop for one shiur (class), then one meal, then somehow stay for years."

He told of pointing out a young student being called up to the Torah to Toronto philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum, a major benefactor of Ohr Somayach. "He is Leon Trotsky's grandson."

He urged the audience to think of the teshuva movement, the return to traditional observance, not just in personal terms, but as something "that transcends our lives."

He said that those "who had the courage to return (to observance) when it was not a popular thing to do, created an energy that swept the world, even to the shores of the Soviet Union."

"When Ohr Somayach started," he went on, "Russian Jews studied Torah underground. Today a yeshiva is opening there."

Weinbach attributed much of the success of the baal teshuva movement to the magic of Israel.

He cited a midrash that teaches that when the Jews were being deported from Israel after the destruction of the first Temple, they were forbidden to pray until they had left the boundary of the country, since their prayers would go directly to G-d, and they would be unconquerable.

He challenged the alumni to "transplant Eretz Yisrael to where you are."

Rabbi Shlomo Mandel, executive director of Toronto Ohr Somayach, told The CJN that the alumni organization would be unique, because it would be run by alumni for alumni, as opposed to by the administration.

The bond that already exists between former and present students was evidenced by the enthusiastic meetings taking place all over the hall, and the eagerness of many to tell the story of their return to observance and of the tremendous contribution of Ohr Somayach to this process.

Dov Coodin, a current student, said that his most moving experience was seeing "people actually praying. I grew up in an Orthodox synagogue in Winnipeg, and I never saw that. I thought you had to be over 70 to really mean it."

Daniel Barg, who attended Ohr Somayach from 1978-80, said that the best thing about it is that "it lets you learn and grow at your own pace. You are encouraged to learn, and the more you learn the more you understand the truth."

Rabbi Moshe Pindrus, a lecturer at Ohr Somayach almost since its inception, is organizing the alumni association. He is travelling with Weinbach to different cities in this regard.

Ohr Somayach has facilities in Israel, Toronto, South Africa, England and the U.S.

Anti-semitism roots explored

By
GLORIA DEUTSCH

THORNHILL, Ont. —
The roots of anti-semitism and the Jewish role in the world were questions explored by Rabbi Mendel Weinbach, dean of Ohr Somayach Yeshiva in Jerusalem, in a lecture given at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation.

He began by recounting one of the miracles of Jewish survival in World War II. The Japanese, under pressure from their German allies, were taking steps to move against the Jews of Shanghai. Two rabbis, elder statesmen of the community, were summoned to the Japanese authorities and asked, "Why do the Germans hate you so much?"

In an inspired answer, one of the rabbis replied that the Jews, like the Japanese, were Orientals, and the same fate awaited them once the Germans had finished with the Jews. As a result, the anti-semitic decrees were rescinded and Jews continued to live in Japanese-occupied Shanghai until the end of the war.

"It is a question every Jew must ask himself," said Weinbach. "Why do they hate us?"

An answer of sorts is given in "Lamentations" where the cry of anguish at Jewish suffering reaches its apotheosis in the accusatory "You did it" addressed to God. Rashi's commentary is that the Almighty is indeed to blame by making us different.

This difference — in customs, food, social interaction — has evoked two traditional responses from our enemies. One is Haman, the pogroms and the Holocaust. The other is Antiochus, the Spanish Inquisition and the emancipation which gave many rights and opportunities to the Jewish people "with one price-tag — assimilation."

"The first kind of anti-semite wants a final solution, the second wants the dissolution of the Jewish people," said the rabbi.

Weinbach said the Jewish response to anti-semitism has been two-fold, either to "normalize" — assimilate, or to take what he called the "Anti-Defamation League approach," to point out to our enemies how important and valuable we are to them. Both are doomed to failure.

"Assimilation failed to stop the Holocaust because the Jews were still strongly identifiable as Jews. As to the second approach, nobody likes to be reminded how much is owed."

A clue to the answer may be found in the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The name is close to "sina" — hatred in Hebrew, and the sages are quoted as saying "The hatred of the nations of the world came down at Sinai." In choosing the Jews as a holy people, the other nations were rejected by God. Weinbach suggested that the Germans had to destroy the Jews because the message of morality they brought stood in the way of their ideology that "might is right."

Jewish suffering and persecution, said Weinbach, were a reminder that the Jews were failing in their commitment to live up to Sinai.

Yiddish classes set

TORONTO —
A new series of evening Yiddish conversation classes at Northview Heights Secondary School in North York begins the week of April 3. The cost is $20.

A total of 90 students, of all ages, registered for 3 courses just ending, given by Michael Wex, 34.

"I try to remember that the courses are in conversational Yiddish," Wex said. "I want to get people talking as quickly as possible. We do about four classes of grammar and then it's talk, talk, talk."

Among materials Wex uses are a Yiddish translation of Enjoy Yourself, It's Later than You Think, the poetry of Moishe-Leib Halpern and Itsik Manger and Mickey Katz records. Instruction is also given in Yiddish body language and vocal intonation.

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Organizations and People

Fascinating account presented on their history

Social scientists examine Ethiopian families

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Social scientists are so intrigued with the 15,000 Ethiopian Jews brought to Israel by Operation Moses in 1985 that the average family now consists of a mother and father, two children and an anthropologist.

This is a story related by Kay Kaufman Shelemay, an associate professor of music at New York University, to a meeting recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue sponsored by the shul's cultural and social action committees.

To illustrate why the scientists are so interested, Shelemay gave a fascinating account along with slides and audio tapes of the history of the Falashas or Beta-Israel as they are known. She estimated there are from 5,000 to 10,000 Jews still left in Ethiopia.

The Beta-Israel once had nuns and monks but no nuns survived into the 20th century and the monastic practice was left behind about 30 or 40 years ago, she said.

Though they did not keep milk and meat separate, their diet consisted only of foods grown within the village and they would not accept anything from outside, nor did they eat pork.

The practice of animal sacrifices, mostly chickens, has been dropped since the exodus to Israel.

Shelemay said she has a special place in her heart for one particular Beta-Israel family. She was doing field work in Ethiopia in 1975 and left the country to be married in U.S. Before she went, this family promised her a wedding basket as a gift.

The civil war in Ethiopia prevented Shelemay from returning, but on her 15th wedding anniversary she met the family in Israel, who gave her the basket.

An isolation area marked out by stones was reserved for women during their menstrual period and after childbirth, with the isolation period 40 days after birth of a son and 80 days after birth of a daughter. Women of child-bearing age had to enter the prayer huts through a special door.

The visits by the famed Dr. Jacques Fatlovitch (a Polish Jew) beginning in 1904 and by subsequent researchers had an interesting fringe benefit — people in the Beta-Israel villages had a higher literacy rate than in other villages.

They are being absorbed into Israel life, Shelemay said. "It is a stunning success story," she said. "They are a fully functioning part of Israel society."

The villages in Ethiopia where the remaining Jews are living are no longer economically viable.

Musicians held a special place in their society, being magicians and healers as well, and their drums and gongs are important in the prayer services.

Women wore amulets against the evil eye and tatoos as ornaments. They made pottery while the men did the weaving, and children, at a young age, helped out with the subsistence agriculture.

Researchers spread the word of the Beta-Israel pottery far and wide to the extent that enterpreneurs were selling fake figurines to tourists.

A member of the village marrying outside the village would be expelled. Funerals would be followed by 40 days of mourning.

A modified form of the controversial "Segid" ceremony was carried out recently at Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, she said. In its original form it required the villagers to place stones on the tops of their head, walk up a mountain, place the stones on the ground, and proceed with hours of prayers, a large feast following.

It used to mark the beginning of the retreat by monks into their caves. The modified observance eliminated the monks, the stones and the ceremonial meal.

Villagers were called to prayer seven times a day. At sunset the service was brief, but on important holidays it went on all night long. Tapes she played of their services contained singing in the cantorial tradition, but the congregation played little part in the prayers or singing, "saying amen, and that's about it."

Musical instruments were forbidden on the Sabbath. Many Beta-Israel are attending Ashkenazi services in Israel because of the influence of European researchers and visitors.

The program was chaired by Deborah Gollom. The speaker was thanked by Ann VanDelman.

Maxine Blendis spoke on behalf of Amichai, the educational fund for Ethiopian Jewry. Shelemay also spoke on the music of Syrian Jews at a meeting sponsored by the Jewish Music Society.

Yiddish program features song, dance and lectures

AMHERST, Mass. —

Applications are now being accepted for the 6th annual Summer Program in Yiddish Culture, scheduled here for the week of July 2-9 on the campus of Hampshire College.

Sponsored by the National Yiddish Book Center, a non-profit organization, the residential program will offer a lively introduction to Yiddish culture through lectures, workshops, singing, dancing, films, theatre presentations, a field trip and special events.

The Summer Program for Yiddish Culture began in 1983, and has emerged as one of the most popular Jewish adult education programs ever offered. This year the program will accommodate 130 participants, ranging in age from 20 to 80. Although some participants may be native Yiddish speakers, no prior Yiddish knowledge is required.

The faculty for this year's program includes 13 Yiddish scholars and performers. Rita Karin and David Rogow, veterans of the Yiddish stage, will lead small-group workshops in Yiddish acting, which will culminate in a student performance.

Josh Waletzky, director of the films Image Before My Eyes and The Partisans of Vilna, will lead a workshop in Yiddish folksinging, and Aaron Lansky, the Yiddish Book Center's 33-year-old founder and executive director, will teach Introduction to Modern Yiddish Literature. Additional courses and workshops include Yiddish for Beginners, Yiddish for Meyvens, Yiddish Conversation Group, European Jewish History, Yiddish Calligraphy and Jewish Genealogy.

Highlights of the program will include a klezmer concert, a mid-week field trip to tour the Yiddish Book Center's collection of almost a million Yiddish books, and a special Shabbes service led by Julius Lester, author of Lovesong: Becoming a Jew.

Cost of the 7-day program is $485, including tuition, texts, meals and accommodations. Applications are due by April 18.

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Five week tour designed to educate Canadian youth

Young Israelis field questions from students

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Israeli high school students on goodwill visits to Canadian schools would expect students here to be dying with curiosity about the intifada, right?

Not necessarily.

At one Metro high school recently, Harel Ben-Ary and Dganit Hagai were asked the color of the Israeli sky. They were also pressed for details of school parking facilities for camels.

But such queries have been the exception, not the rule. The two Israelis say most of the questions have been thoughtful and most of the questioners, well informed.

(Harel, who's from Netanya, and Dganit, who's from Rishon Le-Zion, are spending five weeks in Southern Ontario at the behest of the Israeli government. Their tour, sponsored by the ministries of education and foreign affairs, is designed to make Canadian youth more knowledgeable about Israel.)

Dgamit Hagai (left) and Harel Ben-Ary.

At James Cardinal McGuigan Separate School in Downsview, for example, the Israelis were asked to explain the differences between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism. They were also asked what can and cannot be done on Shabbat and whether the children of a Jewish father and Gentile mother are halachically Jewish.

"They wanted all the details," Dganit remembers.

At C.W. Jeffreys Secondary in North York, the Israelis were asked to explain the differences between Judaism and Christianity.

But at Don Mills Collegiate, they got into an argument with an Arab boy over Israel's refusal to talk to the PLO.

"We told him we can't talk with Arafat because he isn't a human being," recalls Dganit. **"He kills innocent children."**

Any frostiness, however, all but disappeared after class when the boy came up to the Israelis, shook their hands and said he hoped there were no hard feelings.

At yet another school, one student told the teens he was from Iraq.

"Oh, one of our best enemies," Harel told the boy. "But that can't prevent us from becoming good friends."

Besides public and separate schools, Harel and Dganit have also spoken to Jewish youth groups in Hamilton (B'nai B'rith) and Toronto (Holy Blossom Temple) and to students at Adath Israel Synagogue in North York. What the Israelis say they try to get across is that Arafat is unreliable and that the Palestinians want all of Israel, not just an independent state in the territories.

The two also try to deromanticize youthful Palestinian demonstrators.

"Those stones that are thrown are meant to kill people," says Dganit.

Or, as Harel puts it, the media in noting the shooting of a Palestinian child, leave out important details.

"They don't say he was involved in a riot. Or, they don't put blame on the mother who puts her children in the demonstration."

Not all discussions with Jewish students have been serious. One youngster, for example, expressed surprise when told Israel lacks certain pro sports Canada takes for granted.

"What, there's no hockey?" he asked incredulously.

Another student was surprised that Dganit, who's frum, dates boys.

But these exchanges have not soured the young ambassadors. Both say they like Canada and find Canadians friendly and polite. And, in the case of cabbies, quick to offer prescriptions for an Arab-Israeli peace. Many of the taxi drivers the two have met in Toronto have turned out to be Israeli.

Despite Toronto's hustle and bustle, Harel and Dganit say they've found it easy to get around the city although Harel admits Metro was a shock at first.

"But once we learned the system of north, south, east and west, it was okay," he says.

Although the Israelis are following an exhausting schedule, they say they've enjoyed meeting their Canadian peers.

"We know we are doing something for our country," says Harel.

CHATniks take 3rd place

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Fourteen teens from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently returned home after a 3rd place finish in the 2nd Annual Joseph Weiner Memorial Basketball Tournament in Baltimore.

Adopting the guise of young jetsetters, the boys' team flew to Baltimore on a Friday morning, enjoyed Shabbat with local families, attended shul, played some ball and flew back to Toronto on Sunday.

In that time, the CHATniks played three times, managed a win versus the bochers from Yeshiva Akiva in Detroit, 55-47, followed by a loss to the eventual winners, Akiba Hebrew Academy of Philadelphia, by an 80-60 margin.

The loss placed CHAT in the consolation round, where they again locked horns with Detroit, squeaking out a narrow 43-40 victory, good for 3rd overall.

Philly took top honors in the 6-team tournament, with HASTR, the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway (by New York), placing 2nd.

Detroit's Yeshiva Akiva finished 4th, followed by the host school, Beth Tfiloh, of Baltimore in 5th, with JDS, from Rockville, Maryland, bringing up the rear.

CHAT's participation marks only the second time in five years the school has been invited to a U.S. basketball tournament, said Richard Stoll, a teacher and religious advisor at CHAT, who accompanied the team to the U.S.

They were coached in the tournament by Aubrey Zimmerman, a member of the north Jewish Community Centre's athletic staff, with assistance from former CHAT student Jack Pollak.

In Toronto, the boys, from grades 9 to 11, play in the Toronto District College Athletic Association, or TDCAA as it is more commonly known. This season they managed to rack up a 7 and 5 won-loss record, losing to the eventual league winner in the first round of the playoffs.

CHAT is considering hosting a tournament for Jewish schools similar to the one in Baltimore, Stoll said, adding that the plans have not yet been finalized.

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Organizations and People

Community leader served many causes

Sigler devoted to Jewish education

TORONTO —
Saul Sigler, 85, noted for his dedication to Jewish education and many other causes in the community, died in Toronto recently.

A retired developer, he was a past president of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and was particularly active in the Orthodox community.

Sigler was a self-educated man. When he came to Canada in the late 1920s he went first to Montreal where he worked for $6 a week. He paid room and board and sent money to his mother and family. He was the bread winner of his family at the age of 9, after his father passed away.

Sigler, who was born in Galicia in an area now part of Poland, had arranged for several members of his family to come to Canada. They were about to board a ship when they were arrested by the Nazis and shot.

He was a vice-president and life member of Associated Hebrew Schools, being instrumental in negotiating for their property on Neptune Dr. He was a co-founder and member of Ner Israel Yeshiva. A past chairman of the Kashruth Division of Congress, he was also a founder of the Ontario chapter of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of U.S. and Canada.

He founded the T'Nach Study Group under Congress, was president of the Jewish Family & Child Service and chairman of the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions. He was president of G'milath Chassodim.

His wife Sylvia said he was instrumental in obtaining permission to hold Shabbat services in Beth Tzedec schools as well as getting the Beth Tzedec to accept kashruth supervision under Congress.

He was instrumental in obtaining the present property for Steeles College Memorial funeral chapel and was active on the Board of Jewish Education as well as the Jewish Public Library.

He was active in the Mizrachi Organization, Zionist Federation, United Jewish Appeal and Camp Massad and Camp Moshava.

He started a workshop at Baycrest Home with Lou Lockshin and Jack Kosoy.

The eulogy was given by Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue and the graveside service by Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia, a daughter, Deena Spigelman of Los Angeles, and a son, Marvin, of Toronto, three grandchildren in Los Angeles and 4 in Toronto.

Jewish views on afterlife are discussed in lecture

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Although the belief that there is a better world to come is a universal concept, Judaism has its own unique attitude towards it, says Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan, executive director of Chabad Lubavitch of Baltimore.

Even atheistic, dictatorial Communism, "the society most antithetical to Judaism," he told the 150 people attending a Lubavitch-sponsored weekend at the Markham Suites Hotel, believes in "the Communist man," totally dedicated to the welfare of the community, and indifferent to individual needs.

This is opposed by capitalism, Kaplan said, which foresees an "evolutionary utopia", in which there will be such abundance that man will be perpetually happy and at peace.

The Jewish concept, he said, is tied up irrevocably with the coming of the Messiah. Although the sages are somewhat divided as to just what the post-messianic world will be, chassidism sees it as very much the "eternal state of bliss of the soul within the body."

It is not, he implied, an idyllic existence separate from the human condition.

Radiance

According to Jewish theology, Kaplan said, in heaven the righteous will bask in the radiance of the Divine Presence, and will have genuine insight into the true meaning of Torah. This will lead to "a higher level of pleasure than we can conceive of today."

Although one would expect that people would prefer the world to come to the here and now, this is not, he said, the approach of Judaism.

G-d must have had a reason to create both the spiritual and the temporal world, said Kaplan. Everything in nature, he pointed out, has a cause and effect, except G-d, who by His very nature is without cause.

"G-d implanted His essence only in this world," and not in the spiritual one, Kaplan went on.

A Jew who accepts the commandments and observes them, is able to enter into and become part of the essence of G-d, said the rabbi.

"Because G-d by his commandments gave us the ability to join with His essence, we can be partners with Him in the act of creation.

"Chassidus teaches that souls in the world to come long for the opportunity to do even the smallest mitzvah," so that they too can become one with G-d.

Don't look for big challenges and heroics in life, Kaplan urged. "G-d's essence is as much in small things as in large."

Other speakers during the weekend, which was devoted to a study of the concept of the soul, included British Lubavitch Rabbi David Loewenthal and Toronto's Rabbi Yoseph Ganzburg.

Shabbaton to focus on Jewish women

TORONTO —
Superwoman — the Jewish way is the theme of a Shabbaton March 24-25 sponsored by the Lubavitch Women's League at the Chabad-Lubavitch community centre, 770 Chabad Gate.

Rabbi Moshe Feller, head of Chabad-Lubavitch in Minnesota and director of Bais Chana Women's Institute is one of the speakers. Another is Mrs. Sara Chana Radcliffe, education therapist and private practitioner specializing in marriage and parenting.

Jeff Mintz, social worker and Emett supervisor will speak on Marital Expectations and Kathy Manoim, family therapist and social worker will discuss How Do We Raise SuperKids? Tova Mordechai, a devout Jewess who was once a Pentecostal minister will tell her moving story — Rerooting! My Way Back.

The Shabbaton includes meals, refreshments, musical entertainment and accommodations where necessary. For information, (416) 731-7000.

Student kept busy organizing parley

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
Young people these days have to be versatile. Just ask 17-year-old Edward David Smith.

Smith, who attends Upper Canada College, can tell you how student delegates to last month's 6th annual World Affairs Conference at UCC were forced to lift a car out of the way after it was grazed by a bus which was ferrying the students to lunch.

Fortunately for Smith, who organized the conference, there weren't any other such tests of youthful versatility. In fact, the 2-day event, which attracted close to 1,200 student delegates, was "very educational," he says.

And not just because of its theme, "the decline of the West," or the keynoter, economic nationalist James Laxer. Smith says organizing the conference helped hone his leadership skills.

And, undoubtedly, his phone skills since he troubleshooted with committee heads almost every night. Now that the conference is over, he's busy writing thank you notes.

Edward David Smith

Smith, who's shomer Shabbat and who davens at the Lincoln Place Memorial Home on Walmer Rd., studied Hebrew with a private tutor and at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

A pianist, bird watcher, cyclist and squash enthusiast, he boasts an impressive list of academic honors. He hopes to study biological sciences (at McGill or the University of Toronto; he isn't sure) and, after that, either law or medicine.

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Italian gala flaunted Bologna's styles

By BRUCE PARKINSON

There is more to Italian fashion than the haute couture houses of Milan and Rome, as a recent show in Toronto presented by the Italian Trade Commission and the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Bologna pointed out.

Situated on a plain centrally located between the north and south, Bologna is an ancient city, home of the world's first recognized university and the birthplace of gastronomic delicacies like tortellini, tagliatelle and mortadella, known in more pedestrain circles as bologna. Renowned for its stunning architecture — magnificent churches, vast arcades and porticoed walkways — Bologna is a city where old meets new.

The timeless architecture belies the fact that the city now is firmly ensconced in the 20th century. An industrial centre as much as a cultural one, Bologna has a large food-processing industry, and firms there also create products used in automobiles, railways, machine-tool industries and electrical equipment.

The fashion business in Bologna dates back to the 16th century, and today the many small- and mid-sized manufacturers there make a wide range of garments.

Many of those manufacturers supplied items for the show held at the Hilton International and the result was a diverse presentation of well-crafted, classically-styled creations.

There was something for almost everyone. Local strengths include knitwear, footwear, lingerie and accessories, and the leather garment business has grown considerably in recent years, with great success as evidenced on the runway.

Typical of a manufacturer's show as opposed to a designer show, there were no "runway pieces" that wouldn't likely be worn anywere else. The clothes were down-to-earth and wearable, and several centuries of cumulative knowledge shone through in the fit and construction.

Pancaldi and B., a well-respected fashion house known for its men's wear, supplied the majority of the men's clothing for the event, and the smartly-tailored pants and earth-tone jackets presented were a good complement to the designs for women.

Knitwear was a strong suit of the show, from simple, slim-fitting skirts to elaborate caped jackets flowing down from their fastening at the neck. Animal, sports and floral motifs decorated sweaters. Black sweaters threaded with metallic strips of gold, silver and bronze drew attention.

Prominent colors employed for Fall and Winter 89 by many of the manufacturers were black, bright red and many shades of purple.

Amarilli presented a fun collection of faux-fur jackets, some of them reversible. How about a leopard skin look for less-conservative occasions, reversing into a more sober plain taupe as need dictates?

Brunella sent a fleet of little black dresses down the runway, tailored to the body in true Italian style, with a plethora of detailing that made each one unique.

Ennio Style's capelet jackets, wide-shouldered and hip-length over slim skirts, looked classic and comfortable, and the natural fibres employed in their manufacture — mohair, alpaca and bay lama — will ensure warmth.

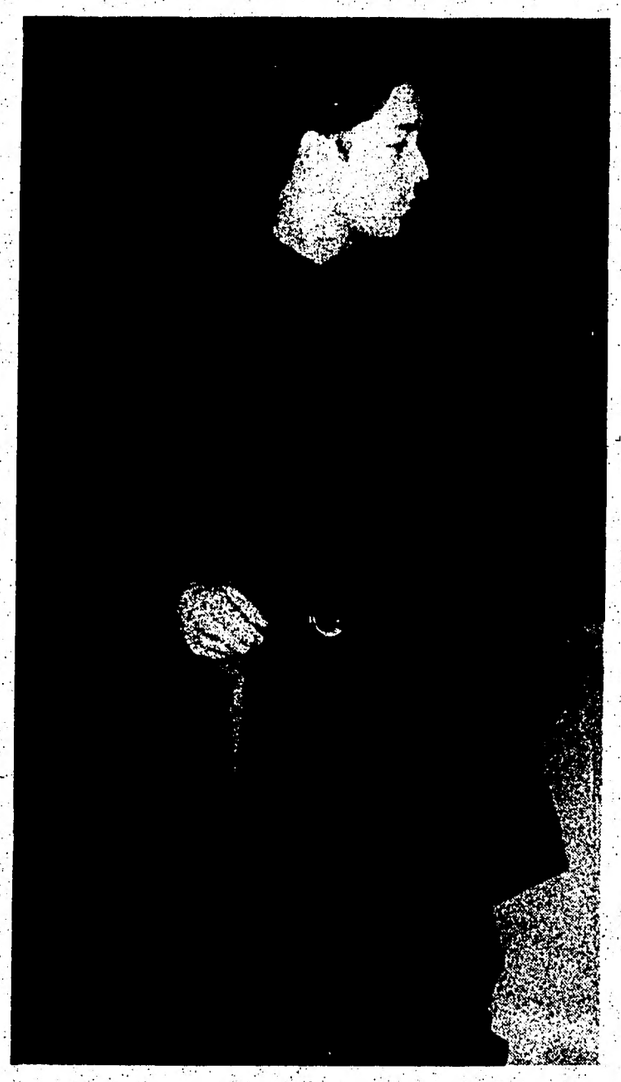
Handmade costume accessories by Giorgio Antonella set off many outfits, especially black dresses. In gold and bronze colors, the large, often floral-inspired designs were eye-catching on their own.

Bologna is proud of its growing leather industry and designs by New Mar Guy showed why. In leather, suede and shearling the overcoats, jackets, dresses and pants were stunning. A short-sleeved dress, with suede at the bottom and marbled leather for the bodice was topped off with black, elbow-length leather gloves. A slim, mallard-green leather skirt was teamed with a black turtleneck, for a simple yet elegant look.

Black and silver-striped loungewear and pyjamas from La Perla by Dalmas promised sensuous comfort. Other lacy and embroidered lingerie designs received a warm response from the large crowd which turned out.

The evening must have been considered a fine success by the Italian Trade Commission which organized it. Many buyers were among the crowd, and talk afterward, as attendees noshed at an Italian buffet, was quite positive. Look for more Bologna fashion in Toronto stores this fall.

Tweed wool suit inspired by the 30s is manufactured by Donna Mizar.



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Arts

Books explore Jewish past's molding of the present

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The impression of the past on the present is the focus of several newly published books.

Jerusalem's unyielding grip on Jewish consciousness is among the themes of Yehuda Amichai's *Poems of Jerusalem* (Harper and Row, US $9). Some images of the city that he presents are often not flattering, nor, more importantly, accurate. He writes:

"Jerusalem is full of used
Jews, worn out by history,
always goaded on again
for holidays, for memorial days,
like circus bears dancing
on aching legs."

The majority of Jews that this reviewer saw while living in Jerusalem seemed overwhelmingly dynamic. That part of history that they are living out has if anything energized them.

This reviewer suspects an anti-Orthodox bias on the part of Amichai, one of Israel's most celebrated contemporary poets. Yet, as some of his other poems in this Hebrew-English 135-page anthology show, he is passionately spellbound by the city, its history, and its people. They have determined his life and its expression.

Two Worlds: An Edinburgh Jewish Childhood **(University of Alabama Press) recalls the interwar childhood years of U.S. literary scholar and social critic David Daiches, son of the then chief rabbi of the Scottish city.**

The fascinating milieu of British formalism, a variety of houseguests, and Jewish affection comprised a family life that would guide and nurture Daiches far after he left those early precincts.

This edition is a reprint; Two Worlds was first published in 1956.

Another U.S. social critic's Yiddish and biblical background are very much in evidence in *Preserving the Hunger: An Isaac Rosenfeld Reader* **(Wayne State University Press, US $16, softcover).**

It is directly evident in his Three Stories for Jews, fable-like reactions to the Holocaust, and King Solomon, a projected look into a powerful ruler's coming to terms with his own mortality.

The anthology's editor, Mark Shechner includes Rosenfeld's essays on Sholom Aleichem and Franz Kafka among the literary subjects Rosenfeld addressed in his short life. Rosenfeld died in 1956 at age 38.

Great Yiddish Writers of the Twentieth Century **(Jason Aronson, Inc. US $40, hardcover) is an anthology of dozens of essays that the editor-translator Joseph Leftwich seems to have selected for their immortal insights and wisdom.**

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Showbiz Mishmash

Phyllis Newman's "spiffo" bio blends wit and woe

By
FRANK RASKY

Broadway star **Phyllis Newman** begins her new book with a scene appropriately titled "Curtain Raiser."

She is onstage at Lincoln Centre in Manhattan taking a bow with her fellow showbiz illuminati.

They include her husband for the past 29 years, lyricist-playwright **Adolph Green**; his longtime partner **Betty Comden**, who composed the songs for their musical hits such as *Singin' In The Rain* and *Bells Are Ringing*; and a constellation of stars ranging from **Lee Remick** to **Carol Burnett**.

They have just concluded a concert performance of **Stephen Sondheim's** musical, *Follies*, being recorded for an RCA Victor album and filmed for a television documentary.

The show is about a reunion of ex-Follies girls at a theatre about to be demolished, and Phyllis Newman takes special delight out of singing the Sondheim song of survival:

Good times and bum times,
I've seen 'em all,
And, my dear,
I'm still here!

It's the defiant theme of her autobiography, *Just In Time: Notes From My Life* (Musson of Canada; 208 pages; $28.95).

To use one of her favorite terms, it's a "spiffo" memoir," poignant and glamorous, both painfully honest and outrageously funny, even in the face of a nightmare.

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The early scenes of her life are described with *haymishe*, self-deprecatory good humor. She was born in Jersey City, NJ, the daughter of what she mockingly calls your normal, all-American Jewish parents.

Her father, **Sig Newman**, was a "nutso" dreamer, who billed himself variously as Gabel the Graphologist, and Dr. S. Arthur Newman, hypnotist, mentalist, handwriting analyst, and trainer of "Puffy the Hypnotizing Cat." Her mother, **Rachel**, was billed as Marvelle, palmist and fortune-teller.

Without any pushing from her stage-struck parents, Phyllis revelled in being the youngest kiddie in *Daddy Dave's Kiddie Revue*, billed at 6 as Miss Atlantic City Jr. She belted out on the boardwalk a "socko" version of **Carmen Miranda's** banana ballad, "Ow would you lahk to spend a weekend een 'avana? Ow would you lahk to see the Carrr-eeee-beeean shore?"

She grew up to be a bright, good-looking singer, dancer and actress, whose life seemed to be a perpetual cabaret, old chums.

As she phrases it, "Theatre was my oyster, my clam, and my burger medium rare." She became the intimate of a gang of showpeople who had "the smarts, the funnies, the action." Her close friends ranged from **Lauren Bacall** to **Leonard Bernstein**, and she hobnobbed with glitterati the likes of **Groucho Marx** and **Charlie Chaplin**.

Phyllis Newman

Danny Simon

Ellen Besen

Sholem Dolgoy

Elizabeth Bolton

Danny Grossman

Her career took off after she won a Tony Award for playing the towel-wearing bimbo in the Comden-and-Green Broadway musical, *Subways Are For Sleeping*. Her hit song in it was *Shoo In*; and she certainly was on the Broadway scene.

She was a standout in **Neil Simon's** *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, and received a second Tony nomination for her performance in his *Broadway Bound*. She was the darling of the talk show circuit, served as guest hostess on **Johnny Carson's** *The Tonight Show*, and played the ex-madam of a Nevada bordello, **Renee Divine** in the soap opera, *One Life To Live*.

Among other roles, she was a knockout in *I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road* and won rave reviews for starring in the 1-woman show, *The Madwoman of Central Park West*, in which she sensitively got under the skin of the character's "wisecracking, smart-ass exterior."

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The same description might be applied to Newman when she discovered she suffered from breast cancer which would require a double mastectomy. That diagnosis was all the more shattering, because, as Newman phrases it, she'd always been an exponent of the "If you've got 'em, flaunt 'em bosom school."

I was deeply touched by her confession that people kept marveling at her energetic cheer in the face of such devastating adversity. "I accepted their compliments," she writes. "I chose not to reveal to anyone, including myself at times, that my fuel was rage, unbridled, all-consuming rage."

She raged at God, "Why me?" and brooded, "There seemed no way out or up from the depths and darkness of my despair."

On the night before the surgery, she depicts a scene of heartbreak at the hospital. She took a shower in the tub, turned on the tap at full power to muffle her anguish from the nurse, and howled and screamed like someone crazed.

Happily, she says that her Jewish sense of humor, used as a survival ploy for centuries by her ancestors, helped her overcome her sense of histrionic melodrama. Like a female Walter Mitty, she tried to imagine how celebrated powerful women would handle her dilemma:

"I decided that **Renata Adler** would write a dense novel about its legal aspects and get great reviews. **Twyla Tharp** would get a grant for the first medical jazz ballet done to **Fats Waller's** music. **Shirley MacLaine** would have performed her own surgery because she had been a doctor in a previous life. **Joan Didion** would have had a nervous breakdown in Central America, and **Lillian Hellman** would have been really pissed off."

After her complete recovery, she vividly describes the reaction of her friends for her two prosthetic "rubber thingies":

"The ones who haven't seen you since the recent unpleasantness look you in the eyes so straight, and so hard, that your eyes burn and hurt from their reflected intensity. They talk of this and that, and I never take my eyes off their eyes either. And then I count the seconds before their eyes dart down to my chest to see just what is going on there.

"Men are slower on the eye take. Women don't wait very long at all to check it out. Well, really, why should they? They're worried about their own, for heaven's sake. They are trying to imagine the feeling. They're anxious to see how you've dressed them. They take it personally, and well they might.

"Some of the men are shy about embracing you. I find I do this odd maneuvre. I let them hug me, but I never stretch out my arms or share in the embrace. I bend my arms at the elbows and place them directly on my chest, each arm in front of its corresponding falsie. So . . . the guys get two bony arms against their chest instead of rubbery mounds. What a drag . . . for both of us."

She closes her book on an upbeat note with the life-embracing lyrics:

I've been fat.
I've been thin.
Thin is better.

I've been out.
I've been in.
In is better.

I've been healthy and in pain.
Pain is reason to complain.
Ask someone who's been insane.
Sane is better.

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A tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Reporters invariably ask **Danny Simon**, "Since you're also a comedy writer, how does it feel being called '**Neil Simon's** brother' all the time?" Danny invariably responds with the quip, "It could be a hell of a lot worse. What if they called me 'Neil Simon's *sister*?' "

He adds jocularly, "Some relatives of famous people feel they have a monkey on their back. I'm developing a hump from carrying a gorilla! But don't get me wrong. I love my brother."

Danny's in town to direct his brother's comedy, *They're Playing Our Song*, which opens March 23 and runs until April 15 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Mazel tov to Jewish filmmaker **Ellen Besen**, director of the National Film Board's fantasy for children, *Sea Dream*, and co-director with **Lonny Baumholz** of the independent production, *Slow Dance World*. Background setups from both films, plus the works of other animators, will be displayed until April 1 at a unique show.

It's the Art In Animation Exhibition, being staged by the Toronto Animated Image Society, at the John B. Aird Gallery, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley (463-9705). It's a collection of drawings, puppets and other artwork used in the creation of animated films and also provides continuous viewings of the films themselves.

Sholem Dolgoy, the gifted Jewish lighting designer, who received a Dora Award nomination for *Zastrozzi*, has created the lighting for **Gordon Pinsent's** new play, *Brass Rubbings*, opening March 22 and running until April 9 at Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst (864-9971).

Danny Grossman, the 46-year-old Toronto choreographer who is son of a Polish-Hungarian Jewish father and an Irish Catholic mother, has headed the Danny Grossman Dance Company for 14 years. His company's program, running until March 25 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre (973-4000), features the world premiere of *Twisted* and last year's Dora Award-winner, *Memento Mori*.

Elizabeth Bolton, the beautiful cantor of Temple Emanu-El, will be featured as mezzo-soprano soloist, when harpist **Erica Goodman** and the Amadeus Children's Choir present works by **Leonard Bernstein** and Toronto composer **Srul Irving Glick** April 29 at Holy Trinity Armenian Church (751-7920).

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I bow out with this exit line from Jewish syndicated columnist **Ann Landers**, summing up her readers' problems: "The poor wish to be rich, the rich wish to be happy, the single wish to be married, and the married wish to be dead."

Yiddish concert will feature Danto

TORONTO —

Lovers of Yiddish folk and art music are encouraged to attend a special concert featuring Cantor Louis Danto at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 29 at Beth Tzedec Syagogue.

Known throughout North America and Israel as a foremost interpreter of Yiddish music, Danto will perform a selection of works entitled The Art of Yiddish Song, with piano accompaniment.

The evening will be sponsored by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto, the Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress and the Friends of Yiddish.

Says Jewish Music Society president **Ben Steinberg**, Danto will perform Yiddish folk and art songs. The two are differentiated in that composers of art songs are known, while with folk songs, they are not.

Steinberg will provide commentary and translations of the songs.

Danto will focus on works which emanated from the St. Petersburg Society for Jewish Folk Music, an organization that encouraged the revival of Yiddish music in pre-revolutionary Russia.

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Arts

"We start with the authentic tunes and add our own influences"

Finjan's klezmer sound comes out flying high in 89

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

It has been an exciting time for Finjan, Winnipeg's own klezmer band.

The 5-year-old group played Toronto last month for the first time with concerts sponsored by the Legal Education Action Fund at the Roy Thompson Hall and the Jewish Music Society of Toronto at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue. As well their "first movie" came out Feb. 20. (They had a part in The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick which was filmed in Winnipeg in the fall of 1987.)

Klezmer music was the Jewish folk music of Eastern Europe. It has only been rediscovered and become popular in America in recent years though thanks in large part to the work of Henry Sapoznik of YIVO.

Finjan came together in the fall of 1983 for the 1984 Winnipeg Folk Festival. Myron Schultz and Eli Herscovitch were already playing some klezmer music at bar/mitzvahs and weddings. They approached Kinzey Posen and Shayla Fink, another performing duo. Schultz also brought his brother, Victor, a classical violinist, into the group. Danny Koulack joined later.

Finjan's first concert at the University of Winnipeg in February, 1984, was recorded for CBC's Identities program. "CBC has been very good to us in terms of air time," said Posen. "We have been on Gzowski, Arts National, Sunday Morning . . . as well as on local programs."

Finjan has played at a number of Jewish events in Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon as well as at folk festivals and concerts in Western Canada. The group released its first tape — *Where Were You Before Prohibition* — **in 1985. Its second tape,** *From Ship to Shore*, **was released last year.**

As well, last year, the group signed a contract with Festival Records of Vancouver to have their tapes distributed under their own Fat Uncle label. Toronto record producer Ben Mink worked with them on the Festival Records recording.

Finjan makes its klezmer sound featuring (from left) Kinzey Pozen, Danny Koulack, Eli Herscovitch, Victor Shultz, Myron Schultz and Shayla Fink.

"A lot of groups play klezmer music exactly as they hear it on old 78s or as they read it on sheet music," said Posen. "Our approach is different. We start with the authentic tunes and add our own influences — classic, jazz and rock — as we go along. We want our music to grow, not be stagnant. We're not purists. We think music has to be flexible."

Posen noted there are a number of klezmer groups in the United States and a couple of other groups now in Canada. Not all klezmer musicians are Jewish though, he observed. "People from different backgrounds are pulled to the music," he said. "Its rhythm and music transfixes. People enjoy the sense of the song."

In spite of Finjan's growing success, all six members of the group continue to work at full time jobs or study. Posen works for CBC Radio in Winnipeg, for example. Fink is an ESL teacher by occupation. Herscovitch is a part-time music teacher, Koulack a student and Myron Schultz is involved in the family fur coat business. Victor is a full time classical musician.

All have years of musical experience behind them — Koulack has been performing since he was 13 — and all come from musical families.

They recently performed in Calgary at the dedication of a new synagogue combining two older ones.

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More interest in this Hebrew study

Mystical insights discovered

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Interest is increasing rapidly in the study of Hebrew as incorporating God's verbal code to mankind, reports one of the language's leading kabbalistic interpreters, Israel's Rabbi Mattityahu Glazerson.

The much published author was in Toronto briefly to address Anshe Minsk Congregation on St. Andrew's St., as part of a North American tour.

Glazerson, 50, told The CJN that the shiurim (lectures) he gives in Jerusalem yeshivot that include Ohr Somayach and Neve Yerushalayim are attended to capacity. His books are selling rapidly, both in English and Hebrew. (In a recent review of four of them, this reporter found them to be slim volumes packed with linguistic and ethical insights.)

Glazerson uses *gematria* **(a kind of numerology), letter recombining, and other traditional mystical techniques to supplement words' meanings and connotations with moral insights. "Hebrew is the only language you can do this with," said Glazerson. "It is like a code."**

In the word *simcha*, joyous celebration, for example, Glazerson points out that its Hebrew letter *shin* represents fire, its *mem* water, and its *chet* chaim, life. "Only by controlling extremes can we live a life of joyous celebration," is one conclusion.

Another is that an illuminated mind is a constant source of happiness. This comes from the word *somayach's* (happy, the adjective from simcha) *shin* as representing *ziv*, shining. The *mem* and *chet* in the balance of somayach comprise *moach*, brain.

Proper growth is also a source of happiness. This conclusion Glazerson attributes to 19th century rabbinic leader Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch of Germany, who used letter recombining extensively in his Torah commentaries. Substituting the shin with the letter *tzadie* **changes somayach to** *tzomayach*, **grow, Hirsch pointed out. And conversely, happiness fosters proper growth.**

Happiness also implies strength, from the word *chamoosh*, which means strengthened or armed, obtained when somayach's three letters are rearranged.

The number five is associated with happiness. Somayach's re-arranged three letters spell *chamesh*, **five. The fifth of the 10 kabbalistic sefirot — aspects of God's manifestations in forming the physical and spiritual universe — is strength.**

According to Glazerson, recent computer analyses of the Torah associate AIDS with the section on Sodom and Gomorrah; the Hebrew letters for its transliteration — aleph, yud, daled and samech — are prominent in the section.

Letter meanings confirm the finding, he says. The aleph, yud and daled spell the Hebrew word for misfortune or calamity. The samech symbolizes closure or protection. "And what is AIDS if not the loss of protection or immunity?" said Glazerson.

Glazerson points out additional correspondences that "are no coincidence."

• The Hebrew word for water, *mayim*, is composed of two mems and a yud, recalling water's chemical formulation as two hydrogens and an oxygen.

• The German source of the word water is *wasser*, which is literally the plural of *wass*, meaning what. Mayim can be read as the plural of mah, Hebrew for what. Kabbalistically, "Mah is an expression of God's name, which He used to create water."

Glazerson, who developed his facility in English while on shlichut in South Africa for 15 years, authored *Sparks of The Holy Tongue*, 1981.

He has now published nearly a dozen books of what can be described as linguistic homiletics. These include: *Above the Zodiac*, about the significance of astrology for Jews; *From Hinduism Back to Judaism*, which details the spiritual fulfilment in Judaism by Jews who had sought it in vain in Eastern mysticism; *Revelations About Marriage*; and *Hebrew: Source of Languages*. They are available at local Jewish book stores.

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Correction

The name of Jocelyn Beigel, an artist whose work is on display during March at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, was misspelled in the Mar. 9 issue of The CJN. Her phone number is 446-7488.

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Jewish symbols found in Yiddish folklore selections

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Yiddish Folktales. Edited by Beatrice Silverman Weinreich; translated by Leonard Wolf. Random House of Canada, $27.95.

From the archives of New York City's Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, the editor of this splendid volume has culled 200 never-before-published Yiddish folklore selections from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Most of this material from Eastern Europe was originally part of an oral tradition. It includes stories, jokes, legends and fairy tales.

The pieces are quite short — few are over three pages long — and the characters that emerge out of this half-forgotten world are peasants and rabbis, golems and vagabonds, tailors and squires, sages and villains, nitwits and pranksters. Pious and humorous fables rub shoulders with tales of the occult and supernatural.

As might be expected, many of the stories have a pious or didactic quality and convey a moral. These stories were called "mayses mit a muser haskl."

Following World War II a veritable treasure-trove of books, artifacts and manuscripts expropriated by the Nazis were miraculously recovered. Eventually, 50,000 volumes and 30,000 archival folders were shipped to Yivo's headquarters in New York City.

Carefully edited and superbly translated this anthology opens a window on a vibrant way of life that exists only in memory.

• An exhausted chassid rushes to his rebbe to ask for help. His house is on fire. What should he do? The rebbe makes a number of suggestions that involve magic and prayer. Then he exhorts his excited follower, "It wouldn't hurt also to pour water. Yes, in God's name, pour water. As much water as you can."

• Why are the inhabitants of Chelm so foolish? The explanation is simple. The angel that was assigned to distribute foolish souls in an equal manner across the world happened to be passing Chelm. "Since the region thereabouts has many hills and valleys, the angel lost his footing, slipped, and spilled the whole jar near Chelm. And since that time, all Chelmites have been foolish."

• The renowned Rabbi Akiba Eyger was among the most humble of men. Once he addressed a note to his shoemaker as follows: "To the most holy revered great scholar." The shoemaker was offended, thinking the rabbi had mocked him. The rabbi explained, "How can you think I meant to mock you? Letters to me are addressed to me that way all the time."

• Once a zmore (an evil spirit) tried to put a busy tailor to sleep. "So that she could suck milk from his breast." When the zmore saw that he refused to fall asleep, she got into his thread and knotted it so that he couldn't work. This made the tailor very angry, and he grabbed his scissors and cut the thread in two. In the morning the severed body of an old hag was found outside the tailor's window." The story concludes with the information that "from that time on the zmore never bothered the tailor again."

The volume is lovingly decorated with paper-cut illustrations of Jewish symbols — a traditional Jewish folk art that was popular in 19th and 20th century Poland and Russia — and contains a helpful glossary and bibliography as well as an annotated list of the known sources of the material.

Runs from traditional to English lyrics

Cantorial music covers wide spectrum

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The whole gamut of cantorial music — from the traditional to a popularized version with English lyrics — was paraded before an appreciative audience of 700 recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, sponsored by the Mizrachi Men's Organization of Toronto.

It was a festive cantorial concert diverse enough to satisfy everyone's taste. Cantor Sherwood Goffin is a guitar-playing chazzan who dances down the bimah steps at times to be closer to the audience. The cantor of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, New York City, for the past 23 years, he is accompanied by a drummer and a pianist.

By contrast, Cantor Yaacov Motzen of Adath Israel Synagogue, Montreal, embodied the classical tradition of songs of the liturgy, while Cantor Harold Klein of the host synagogue brought a special warmth to the concert, performing with the Shaarei Shomayim Choir under conductor David Young. The infectious spirit and joy of their performance was best exemplified in the ever popular Shehecheyanu.

An accomplished popularizer and performer, Goffin sang three of his own compositions, including one dedicated to his grandfather.

"When I was growing up in New Haven, Conn., I would often sit in the kitchen with my grandfather who was not well. I didn't speak any Yiddish and he didn't speak any English and we would sit there repeating each other's name, but in those few words we said more than two people say in a lifetime."

The red-bearded Motzen, a native of Tel Aviv, and a fifth generation cantor, presented a commanding figure on the bimah, well suited to the imperious style of the traditional chazzan. He was accompanied by pianist Fanny Levitan. After many years as a cantor in Givatayim, Haifa and Ramat Gan, he came to Montreal in 1978 where he was cantor of Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehudah Shaare Tefillah for nine years.

A favorite with the audience was Goffin's version of Avremele Melamed, the unlucky teacher who finds his mother-in-law at the door instead of Elijah on the seder night, marries the eldest daughter of the city's wealthiest man one day before he went bankrupt, has only enough oil for one day for the candles at Chanukah, suffers a split lip when he tries to triple blast on the shofar and can't catch a white chicken for "shluging kaporis."

In a brief talk at intermission, Jack Kahn, president of Toronto Mizrachi, pronounced the concert a social and financial success, and gave special thanks to Max and Louis Zeifman. "There is one touch of sadness," he said. "This is the first year we have not been blessed with the presence of Reb Cudyk Weinberg." Kahn added that Weinberg's wife, Bella, has carried on the tradition of supporting the cantorial concerts.

He announced that a new scholarship fund has been set up for Toronto students going to Mizrachi yeshivas in Israel for a year. The first two winners are Gil Elmaleh who will attend Or Etzion Yeshiva and Moishe Goldstein who will attend Maaleh Adumin Yeshiva.

He also extended thanks to Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director, and to Rochelle Shulman and Helen Gurfinkel, Mizrachi secretaries.

Members of the concert committee were: Vern Balaban, Moshe Bessin, Jack Kahn, Allen Katz, David Lipener, Henry Moskowitz, Cyril Newman, Jack Rosen, Jerry Rosenfield, Kurt Rothschild, Ed Schild, Frank Silverberg, Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, Max Zeifman and Danny Zigelman.

Thauberger's works at Koffler

By DEBRA MONDROW

TORONTO —

The development of the work of a major Western Canadian artist over the past 10 years can be seen in the Koffler Gallery exhibit David Thauberger: Paintings 1978-1988.

The focus of the exhibition on until April 14 is Thauberger's concept of "regionalism, art arising from a particular culture, at a particular time, in a particular part of the world." And yet his images speak to everyone.

Some images, specifically those of Regina, are not recognizable to most audiences, yet the interesting technique bridges the gap of unfamiliarity and relates the works to everyone.

Reflected is the dot — screen of the modern offset lithography process, creating images that appear to be generated on huge television screens with magnified light particles.

The images of farmhouses, barns, and dance halls represent the middle class myth of migration and the dream home. Also included in the exhibition are geometric and streamlined images of fantastic architecture from the 1939/40 New York World's Fair, a social and historical commentary on the faith and hope vested in modern technology.

The same themes appear in "landscape" composition, such as *Some Acid Rain* in which spiral nails adhered to the canvas signify the effect of acid rain on the Parthenon.

Thus, Thauberger's images speak to everyone, as he relates his own "regionalism" to global concerns.

The exhibit is sponsored by Trans Canada Pipelines through its Arts Development Program.

Summer of Aviya wins top Berlin film award

WEST BERLIN (JTA) —

An Israeli film, *The Summer of Aviya*, won the Silver Bear award, the second highest award of the Berlin International Film Festival here.

Starring Kaipo Cohen, a 10-year-old actress, the film is the first Israeli movie ever to take a prize at the annual film festival, which is considered one of the movie industry's main festivals along with Cannes and Venice.

The Summer of Aviya (Hakayetz Shel Aviya), directed by Eli Cohen and produced by Eytan Even, was selected for the Silver Bear by an international jury of 11 prominent artists from France, Germany, Bulgaria, China, Switzerland, Spain, Czechoslovakia, the United States and the Soviet Union.

The film is immensely popular in Israel, where it is shown regularly in classrooms.

It is the story of young Aviya, played by Cohen, and her mother, Henya, a Holocaust survivor played by Gila Almagor.

Henya is mentally unstable. She is known as the "madwoman" of the village. Aviya understands and pities her mother, but longs for the return of her father, who may or may not have perished in a death camp.

German and other critics generally praised the film, but some thought the director employed too much pathos.

The jury said the movie was "a poignant film with two stunning performances by Kaipo Cohen and Gila Almagor, whose story it is."

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Arts

Martin Scorsese outshines colleagues

New York Stories takes 3 bites from the Big Apple

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Three for the price of one.

In *New York Stories*, three of the best directors in the business — Martin Scorsese, Woody Allen and Francis Ford Copolla — present a collection of shorts set in the Big Apple.

Regrettably, the films are not of uniform quality. The best of the lot, by Scorsese, is Life Lessons, starring Nick Nolte and Rosanna Arquette. Oedipus Wrecks, by Allen, comes a close second. Copolla's film, Life Without Zoe, is, frankly, inferior.

Inspired by the diary of Dostovesky mistress and protege, Appolinaria Suslova, and elements of one of his stories, The Gambler, Life Lessons is about the pitfalls of that timeless obsession — love.

Lionel Dobie (Nolte), an abstract artist, picks up Paulette (Arquette), his apprentice cum-lover, at the airport. There he learns that she has cheated on him, fallen out of love and decided to leave him.

Dobie is crestfallen, his pride wounded, but he manages to convince Paulette to stay on. She exacts a promise from him that he will will not attempt to make love to her. This, naturally, is easier said than done.

Life Lessons, which resonates to the beat of classics ranging from Like A Rolling Stone to What Is This Thing Called Love, is effective in conveying the disintegration of a relationship.

Nolte, dishevelled and shaggy, looks the part of a person whose personal life is fraying at the seams. Arquette, narcissistic and catty, is the quintessential ball breaker — a woman who exerts a spellbinding influence over a man who seems considerably stronger.

Scorsese's direction is economical and surefooted.

Oedipus Wrecks reprises a familiar character — the American Jewish shlemiel.

Sheldon Mills (Millstein) is a successful 50-year-old corporate lawyer who as yet hasn't "resolved" his relationship with his mother. After all these years, Mrs. Millstein (Mae Questel) is still the most taxing person he knows, certainly far more demanding than his Irish-American girlfriend (Mia Farrow.)

The directors of New York Stories (from left) Francis Ford Copolla, Woody Allen and Martin Scorsese.

She bugs him relentlessly — showing off his nude baby pictures, babbling on about his name change, embarrassing him in front of his stodgy Anglo boss, predicting he will be bald, like his late father. Driven to distraction, he visits a psychiatrist.

It's mildly amusing but hardly uproarious. There's a sense of deja vu here, as if we've seen it all before (and, of course, we have, in films like *Manhattan* and *Annie Hall.*)

Could it be that Allen, an awesomely talented director, is running out of original ideas? Let's hope not.

Life Without Zoe, a collaborative effort between Copolla and his daughter, Sofia, unfolds like a broken mirror, reflecting strange images of reality.

Zoe (Heather McComb) is an incredibly spoiled, precocious 12-year-old who lives in isolated, pathetic splendor in a posh New York hotel, the Sherry-Netherland. Zoe's parents, Charlotte (Talia Shire) and Claudio (Giancarlo Giannini), have effectively abandoned the poor child, leaving her to fend for herself ... with the help of doormen, butlers and a substantial expense account.

Zoe and her friends are pint-size versions of New York sophisticates, and what they seem to have in common is an enduring sense of loneliness. Copolla seizes on this theme with some success. But Life Without Zoe is largely an amorphous, meandering mess, lacking anything resembling a core.

It's a big disappointment.

Salaam Bombay's Third World depressing

TORONTO —

Mira Nair dedicates *Salaam Bombay* to the street children of that vast Indian city — "flowers that will never bloom," as someone puts it rather poetically.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Salaam Bombay* is one of those films which makes you wonder about humanity.

Nair, who makes her feature film debut here, deals with the flotsam and jetsam of a Third World metropolis where the gap between the well-off and the poverty stricken is appalling.

The people who flit in and out of her picture are the rejects of society — bedraggled street children surviving on their wits, a prostitute dreaming of the day when she can leave the world's oldest profession, a self-satisfied pimp who lives off her avails.

It isn't pretty, but it's real.

The film revolves around Kishna (Shafiq Syed), a pre-teen adrift in the squalor of India's Hollywood. Krishna, a tea boy in a brothel, is saving his rupees so that he can return to his family in a distant village. He's a tough, courageous kid, but, given his age, he's remarkably naive.

Above all, Krishna is kindhearted. He risks life and limb to save a young woman from the degradation and drudgery of prostitution; he helps a crazed drug addict; he plunges a knife into the back of a pimp who's broken every promise to his mistress.

With effortless skill, Nair communicates the teeming quality and color of Bombay, rife with human drama, a city whose gentle facade masks a cold heart.

The waifs in *Salaam Bombay*, we are told, are actual street children who've been taught the rudiments of acting. Judging from their immaculate performances, they need little schooling. In a word, they're naturals.

The adults in *Salaam Bombay* are professional actors. They, too, are fine — from the conniving madame who saves a 16-year-old virgin for a customer to the weary prostitute who waits for a better tomorrow.

When all is said and done, it's a depressing film. Nair doesn't believe in miracles, and neither will you after you've watched *Salaam Bombay*.

— S.K.

Cockney Threepenny Opera is worth plenty of pounds

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

I urge you to catch what the Canadian Stage Company calls its new "restored" version of *The Threepenny Opera* before it concludes its run April 1 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

It's the best production of the raunchy, savagely satirical 1928 masterpiece I've ever seen.

As revised by director Kelly Robinson of the Banff Centre and his translator John Willett, you now can understand why Hitler banned this revolutionary musical in 1933, forcing its Communist lyricist-book writer Bertolt Brecht and its Jewish composer, Kurt Weill, the son of a cantor, to flee from Nazi Germany.

It's as though you're seeing with fresh eyes the pristine vivid colors and sardonic mockery of such period old masters as William Hogarth and George Grosz which have been stripped of their accumulated grime and dust and painstakingly restored.

The restorers have synthesized Brecht's various working scripts, put back two songs and a scene which were cut after being deemed too bawdy, and updated the English translation of the text.

They have thus restored the bite and bitterness of a classic, which turned gutter idiom into poetry, using the rhythms and slang of a depressed urban society to lacerate the greed and corruption of the movers-and-shakers in power.

Purists may protest some of the changes. Instead of imitating the harsh, tinny cabaret style of Berlin in the 1920s, the accent here reflects the underworld of Victorian London, as though it were being staged by English music-hall Cockneys.

And the opulent harlequin costumes and stunning abstract sets created by Dora Award-winning designer Mary Kerr are a far cry from the conventional interpretation of *The Threepenny Opera* title. Brecht based it, of course, on John Gay's 1728 *The Beggar's Opera*, England's first Marxist musical, so-called because it might be regarded as a beggar's dream and so cheaply done that it might meet a beggar's budget.

Well, I differ with the carping purists. I found this highly stylized version more meaningful and more powerful than the production staged in German by the Brechtian East Berliner Ensemble last year at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Robinson's largely Canadian cast of singers — and actors — breathed life into the exploits of the sharklike mobster, Mack the Knife, and the dog-eat-dog assembly of bawds, beggars and hoodlums.

The principal import, Rodney Scott Hudson, a Black, billiard-bald American singer-cum-actor, with a wonderful air of menace, was a first-class Mackie.

Tracey Moore, who has appeared in musicals across Canada ranging in style from *Jacques Brel* to *Anne of Green Gables*, was a dazzler as one of his wives, the self-styled blonde "gangster's moll," Polly Peachum. The fake smile she flashes when singing the *Pirate Jenny Song* at her wedding is chilling.

The *Jealousy Duet* between her and Mackie's second wife, the seemingly pregnant Lucy Brown (played nicely by Vancouver opera soprano Valerie Galvin) is a marvel of droll wit, just as *Lucy's Song* is a hilarious parody of affected opera divas.

Nora McLellan, a veteran of 10 seasons of musicals at the Shaw Festival, is a standout as Mackie's favorite whore, Jenny. She slinks her way through the *Solomon Song* with sexy pizzaz and betrays her robber lover to the cops with credible malice and a harlot's jaded eye for the fast buck.

Likewise exceptional are Robert Benson, the seasoned Stratford Festival actor, as the hypocritical cop-on-the-take, Inspector Tiger Brown; the equally experienced actor Graham Harley as the oily capitalist who outfits fake beggars, Jonathan Peachum; and veteran actress Shirley Douglas as the hard-boiled, cash-hungry Mrs. Peachum, who makes *The Ballad of Sexual Obsession* an aria dripping with poisonous lust.

It all ends with the *Happy Ending Song*, a parody of shmaltzy operettas. "Since this is opera and not life," we are frankly told in Brechtian fashion, Mackie is saved from the hangman at the last minute, thanks to a royal reprieve.

It's a fitting ending to a splendid morality tale, which attacks sentimentality with healthy astringent cynicism, and exposes the underbelly of low-life society with the liveliness of a Bruegel painting.

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Travel

St. Lawrence cruise a trip back to "good old days"

By
EARL BEATTIE

KINGSTON —

If you want to take a delightful cruise in Canadian waters and travel back through time and memory to "the good old days," take a voyage on the St. Lawrence River from old Kingston to Montreal and/or Quebec City and return. Board the Canadian Empress and steam off into the sunrise.

That day we boarded in June was not very bright, but it was just warm enough to be comfortable on board and on the deck. "On board" consisted of a big central grand saloon that served as a dining lounge at mealtime.

There are 32 staterooms in the replica steamship, and the boat is 108 feet long. It had room for 65 passengers and there were 58 aboard when we pulled out of the Brock St. dock. The cabins were small but not bad by boats standards and there were washroom facilities in each.

It was a very stable journey; the boat barely listed at all as she had less than four feet under the water. At an ensuing cocktail party, we noted that most of the passengers were elderly, but owner Bob Clark said that this was normal, although he's tried to attract a younger crowd. As a deckhand had put it one day, "This isn't the love boat."

By 6.45 p.m. we were cruising along the waterfront of Kingston before turning around and heading for the Thousand Islands. We had dinner aboard while amidst the Thousand Islands.

Boldt Castle

Despite their age, the passengers had to be up early for breakfast or skip it. It was between 7.30 and 9 a.m. As a social ice-breaker we played a game of Trivial Pursuit held early in the evening. By 10 the next morning we had docked at Boldt Castle, a famous landmark along the way.

George Boldt, a newcomer to America, owned several hotels, and the Waldorf Astoria was one of them. Toward the end of the last century he began building Boldt Castle for his wife, but he abandoned it when she died in 1904.

The castle deteriorated until 1977 when the Thousand Island Bridge Authority took over the island. A pastime for tourists included signing a wall and thousands have done so, and of counting the hearts. Boldt even had the island shaped into a heart for his loved one.

In the afternoon we pulled in at Prescott, and took a tour of Fort Wellington, originally built in 1913. After that it was cruising down to Upper Canada Village, our mooring spot for the night.

Scottish duo

Clark told us that the idea for the Canadian Empress was born when he and his friends counted 23 boats on the river and noticed that none of them had overnight facilities. It took a year to arrange the $1.7 million financing to build the Canadian Empress and the first tour was September 27, 1981. A few days later disaster struck when the boat went aground in the Rideau Canal. She had been grounded by a rock that gave only four feet clearance to the bottom of the boat. They had been assured there was nine feet there.

The boat lost $150,000 in the first year, but by 1984, it grossed $1.2 million most of which went to expenses.

We spent Sunday morning exploring Upper Canada Village and after lunch we went through the magnificent Eisenhower and Snell locks which dropped us a total of 85 feet.

On the last night of the cruise we docked at the small Quebec town of Coteau Landing for the night.

The entertainment that night was a Scottish duo called the Wright Brothers who led all in a singalong. Later they came to our table and played us a number of intimate songs. Next day the boat left Coteau Landing at 6.30 a.m. with four locks left to traverse. Yet we got into Montreal early. We departed for a bus tour of the old city.

On the final stretch between Montreal and Quebec City, we were entertained on the piano by Pearly Duke. After passing through charming and scenic countryside we came to Trois Rivieres where a walking tour was organized.

The following day we went past Montmorency Falls before arriving at Quebec City. That was, alas, our terminal and we turned homeward on VIA Rail.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

YARMOUTH, NS —
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The ferry is the Bluenose which can carry 1,000 passengers and 250 automobiles. When this travel reporter made the trip, he found that to make the voyage as comfortable as possible, there were also 28 two-bed cabins with washroom and shower, for passengers who did not want to spend the time on deck during the daytime trip.

Ship has two bars, lounges

The ship has two bars, several lounges, a glass-enclosed playroom for toddlers, a dance floor, free movies in one lounge, a cafeteria seating 187 passengers, a buffet for 280 people, and two private dining rooms with 30 seats each.

To while away the time, there were 50 slot machines aboard, a duty-free shop for liquor, cigarettes, perfumes and a variety of gifts in Canadian currency.

The Bluenose is one of the modern car ferries operated by CN Marine, with its headquarters at Sydney, NS. It is a modern ship where you drive on at one end and drive off at the other end on two levels. The ship can be loaded and unloaded in about 15 minutes. The days of long lineups at the ferry terminal are practically over.

The voyage to Bar Harbor, a popular summer resort region, is but one of the routes for the car ferries operated by CN Marine. From Cape Tormentine, NB, there are frequent car ferries to Borden on Prince Edward Island.

It normally is a 45-minute crossing of the Northumberland Strait during the summer months. The largest ship on this route is the Abegweit which can carry 1,000 passengers, 250 cars, 40 trucks and 20 railway freight cars. They can be loaded on and off in about 12 minutes each time. In summer's busy season two smaller car ferries are used also, each carrying 500 passengers, 150 cars and 16 trucks.

There is also a daily crossing from Saint John, NB, to Digby, NS, in each direction across the Bay of Fundy, with frequent trips each day during the summer months. It is a 2-hour trip each way, each ship capable of carrying up to 200 cars and trucks and 500 passengers.

May see whales, dolphins

On the Bay of Fundy crossing and on the trip over Atlantic waters between Yarmouth and Bar Harbor there is a chance you may see whales and dolphins surfacing. Birdwatchers take these trips in the hope of seeing some rare sea birds and they come loaded with big cameras with telescopic lenses. The most ardent take up strategic positions on the upper decks of the ships.

The government-owned shipping company also operates passenger and freight ships from North Sydney, NS, to Port-aux-Basques and Argentia in Newfoundland. The Port-aux-Basques voyage takes about seven hours, to arrive at the southwestern Newfoundland port. Between North Sydney and Argentia, at the eastern tip of Newfoundland, the ships take about 19 hours, with trips three times a week each way.

The largest of the ferries to Newfoundland can take some 1,200 passengers, with sleeping accommodations for some 800 persons. This ship can also carry 350 cars and 93 tractor-trailers in each direction.

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Business Outlook

Team offers new phone system

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Companies that recognize the potential of telephone communications, have a powerful competitive advantage, says Terry Levine of Kayenell Enterprises Inc., a company that specializes in a computerized call-processing system called CallXpress.

Levine and his partner Pam Keystone, who had been involved in marketing telephone systems for many years, formed Kayenell Enterprises last year when they realized that computerized call-processing systems were the fastest growing part of the telephone business.

Levine, who worked for IBM for nine years and held the position of marketing manager before leaving to form his own company, was responsible for major accounts with a $9 million quota at IBM's ROLM Telecommunications Division.

The 37-year-old executive, who has spent more than 15 years in marketing, points out that in 1986, $180 million was spent in the United States on voice messaging and it is expected to grow to $1 billion in 1990. He adds that the trend in Canada is "definitely following the same pattern" as the U.S.

He notes that recently, Business Week magazine stated that the trend for 1989 of what's out and what's in states: voice mail is in and messages on pink paper are out.

"How your company manages its telephone communications, sets the stage for how potential customers view your business. When your company communicates success, organization and professionalism, customers have more confidence in doing business with you."

He emphasizes that with the new technology, "you don't have to play telephone tag, which means that you can leave a detailed message with only one try."

Keystone, 29, studied marketing management at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, completed an honors degree in computer science at the University of Western Ontario and handled major Fortune 500 accounts at IBM's ROLM Division for more than three years.

She says that with CallXpress connected to a telephone system, callers can choose to go to the receptionist or use CallXpress which consists of a Call Process Unit combined with one or more application modules.

This system, Keystone says, provides an increased call-handling capacity without additional staff. It eliminates telephone message slips, provides faster responses to customer needs and avoids time spent waiting on hold.

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Levine, who graduated from the University of Western Ontario, says that the current entry-level price to purchase CallXpress messaging systems is about $25,000 and increases with the number of telephone users and the complexity of the integrated call-handling systems. Kayenell provides national service.

The CallXpress system specializes in systems that handle from 16 to 500 telephone users. The target market is small- to large-sized business and branch locations or departments within large Fortune 500 organizations.

The greatest benefit from voice processing, Levine says, is achieved by legal firms, accounting firms, sales organizations, telemarketing departments and service departments which utilize paging systems.

"CallXpress — together with a telephone — creates a powerful communication system with capabilities that will make companies more competitive, more profitable, and able to offer better service to their customers," Keystone said.

Partners Pam Keystone and Terry Levine of Kayenell Enterprises are distributors of CallXpress applied voice technology processing systems.

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Capital gains complicated

Tax News

By
AKI CHENCINSKI
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Revenue Canada would have you believe that any Tom, Dick or Harry can complete his own personal tax return. If only that were true.

Individuals who disposed of capital property in 1988 may find that preparing their tax return is not a simple matter. In fact, Revenue Canada provides taxpayers with a 40-page booklet just on the topic of capital gains. This booklet is equivalent in size to the entire general Tax Guide. Needless to say, the taxation of capital gains remains one of the more complicated sections on the personal tax return.

In the Canadian tax system, "a buck is **not** a buck." As long as the taxation of capital gains receives preferential treatment compared to the taxation of other income, taxpayers will endeavor to categorize gains on the disposition of property as capital gains.

As a result of Tax Reform, the taxation of capital gains and income are moving closer together. However, the continued availability of the capital gains exemption still encourages individuals to claim dispositions as capital transactions.

Revenue Canada states that Capital property includes any property of value and is usually acquired for investment purposes or to earn income. Some common types of capital property include real estate and securities such as stocks and bonds.

The taxpayer's intention when purchasing the property is a key indicator of whether the sale of the property will be treated as capital. If the purchaser intends to purchase the property for resale within a short period of time, the gain will likely be taxed as income, not capital.

The tax reform proposals increased the taxable portion of capital gains (and allowable capital losses) from the 50% inclusion rate that was in effect since 1972. Individuals will be required to include 66 2/3% of the gain/loss incurred in 1988/89 and 75% in 1990 and subsequent years.

Corresponding changes will be made to net capital losses incurred in earlier years that are available for carryforward. These changes will increase the top federal/Ontario tax rate on capital gains from approximately 25% in 1987 to 29% in 1988/89 and 33% in 1990.

As a result of the increase in the effective tax rate on capital gains in 1990, individuals may want to consider triggering gains in 1989. In determining the appropriateness of accelerating the gain, the tax saving obtained must be compared with the cost of the prepayment of tax.

Taxpayers who have access to the capital-gains exemption can ignore the above comments regarding the increase in tax on capital gains. Unfortunately, a number of changes were made in 1988 that will restrict the availability of the exemption. Before discussing these changes, a brief description of the exemption follows.

Two exceptions to gains ceiling

The exemption is available only to individuals resident in Canada. This exemption is not a "use it or lose it" proposition (unless the government decides to do away with the provision). Even if a taxpayer has net capital gains in any year, there may be reasons not to claim the exemption. For example, a taxpayer with non-capital losses of prior years that expire if not used in the current year would rather utilize these losses than claim the exemption.

The original capital gains exemption, designed to be phased in over six years, was capped at $100,000 of capital gains ($66,667 of taxable capital gains in 1988). The change in the inclusion rates for capital gains in 1988 and 1990 and subsequent years does not change the fact that $100,000 of capital gains will be eligible for the exemption.

There are, however, two exceptions to this $100,000 limit. Individuals who dispose of shares of a small business corporation or qualified farm property will be eligible for an incremental $400,000 exemption. The requirements for obtaining this enhanced exemption are stringent and should be examined carefully if applicable.

To compound matters, the government has also introduced rules under the caption Cumulative Net Investment Loss (CNIL) that may curtail the use of the exemption. Commencing in 1988, a taxpayer will only be eligible for the exemption to the extent his cumulative net taxable gains since 1985 exceed his CNIL after 1987. The interaction of the CNIL pool and the exemption is quite complicated and may make it difficult to determine a taxpayer's entitlement to the exemption in any given year.

The CNIL pool is cumulative and is calculated on Dec. 31 of each year. If at the end of any year the cumulative amount of investment income exceeds expenses, the CNIL pool will not be a factor in computing the exemption.

Investment expenses include interest and related carrying costs incurred to earn interest income, dividends, rent or other income from property, losses from limited partnership arrangements, and certain flow-through share deductions. Investment income includes any income earned from these types of passive investments.

Taxpayers wishing to claim the exemption must file a tax return even if there is not tax payable for the year. Failing to do so may result in loss of the exemption.

The introduction of the capital gains exemption has complicated the computation of personal income taxes and general tax planning almost beyond belief. Accordingly, taxpayers should take care to avoid the various traps surrounding this exemption and ensure where appropriate that they take full advantage of it.

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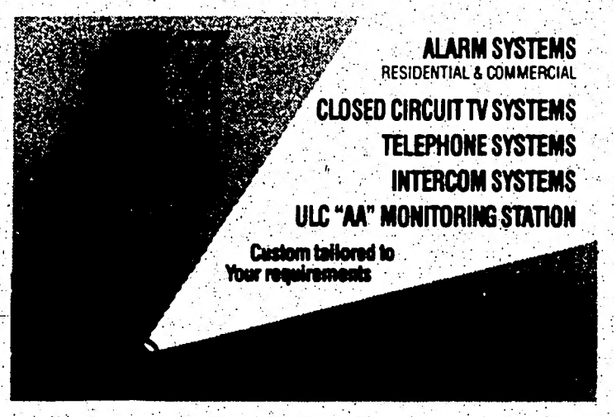

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LUXURIOUS INTERIORS!
$1,245,000 — Exquisite one of a ki[SOLD] multi level residence tucked away on perfectly landscaped secluded south garden, appointed throughout with bleached oak floor, imported lighting, California shutters. Bruce Smith/Ellen Richmond-Isakow, 785-7019.

DREAM LOCATION
UPTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT
$759K — 59 ALVIN AVE. 11¼% mtge. Restored and renovated to perfection, detached 3 storey 3/4 bdrm. in perfect location. Custom kitchen with granite top centre island with Gennair, powder room & walk-out to deck. Super master bedroom with designer ensuite + 2nd floor laundry. Open concept 3rd fl. Hardwood floors, 3 decks. Ideal for live in doctor. Janette Hatcher 785-7019.

WALK TO SKYDOME!!
$469,900 — 33 HARBOUR SQUARE, 32nd fl. Panoramic city view. Luxurious 2 level 2 bedroom condo residence in prestigious building. Lavish interiors accented with marble & mirrors. 3 baths incls. powder room and large ensuite bath + ensuite laundry. Generous amenities + parking all inclusive. Janette Hatcher 785-7019.

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$709K — Luxury tri-level townhome on prestigious street south of St. Clair. Sep. dining & living room with firepl. w/o and powder room. 3 bdrms includes private master with 4 pc. ensuite, lower level famm with firepl & w/o, CAC, att. gar. Exclusive with Bruce Bewick 785-7019.

LOWER VILLAGE
$1,559,000 — 300 RUSSELL HILL RD. [SOLD] East of Spadina Rd. Magnificent centre hall plan, on 50' x 180' treed lot with double detached garage. Coreen Morrison 785-7019.

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$529K — 276 MACPHERSON AVE. Perfect location near designer walk, Yorkville & Just Desserts. Very spacious renovated 3 storey Victorian with direct access to private park. 3 bedrooms incl. 3rd fl. master with skylit ensuite & deck. Large family room. designer eat-in kit. with w/o to patio, mn. fl. 2 pc. Coreen Morrison 785-7019.

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$459K — Perfectly maintained detached 2 storey on 33' x 135' lot with private garden and private drive. Enormous principal rooms with lead glass bay window, fireplace. Formal dining room with wainscotting and w/o to large deck. Super custom kitchen with maple floors & large eat-in area with w/o. 3 Bdrm + tandem + fin. lower level with side entrance. 4 pc. & 3 pc. bath. Valerie Curd 785-7019.

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$525K — Renovated 3 storey multi family dwelling presently triplexed + bsmt. apt. **APT. #1** — deluxe bachelor with firepl. + designer kit. & bath + deck. **APT. #2** — Super owner's 1 bdrm suite with sep. living & dining rm, hardwood fls, firepl. + deck. **APT. #3** — Open concept 1 bedroom with deck. Sep. entrances, meticulous cond. Bruce Bewick 785-7019.

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Belated bar mitzvahs held behind prison bars

By JANICE ARNOLD

MALONE, NY —

Having a bar mitzvah was virtually impossible when Mark Gorelik was growing up in the Soviet Union. Earlier this month, at the age of 28, with his 8-year-old son by his side and his wife and brother looking on, Gorelick proudly read his section from the Torah.

The joy of the occasion was tempered by its circumstances. Gorelik is a prisoner at the medium-security Bear Hill Correctional Facility in this small town just a few miles from the Quebec border. It was a Thursday morning, not in a sanctuary, but in a prison classroom, the scroll unrolled on a desk.

Gorelik was one of four prisoners in their 20s at the Bear Hill who "came of age" that morning when their belated bar mitzvahs were held behind bars.

The four, dressed in their green uniforms, heavy work boots and white yarmulkas with prayer shawls draped around their shoulders, were Gorelik, Jeffrey Berman, 26, Robert (Reuben) Jacobs, 23, and Vova Krechman, 22, also originally from the Soviet Union.

The bar mitzvah was conducted by Rabbi Eli Gottesman of Montreal, Jewish chaplain to several state prisons in upstate New York. Gottesman had prepared the men at weekly lessons held since the prison opened last November, teaching them Jewish customs and history and Hebrew. They are the only Jews among almost 800 inmates.

"I feel I have become a better man, a stronger man," Gorelik said following the ceremony, and he vowed that his son would have a bar mitzvah when he is 13.

"It will make my time here a lot easier now. I can talk to God. Every day I pray." Gorelik, who has lived in the United States for 13 years, will be eligible for release in August, 1990.

Making the ceremony possible was a group of eight members of the Lubavitch movement from Montreal, among them five teenaged students, who drove down to Malone to ensure that there was a minyan and to assist the bar mitzvah men in putting on tefillen.

They brought across the border kosher bagels, cream cheese, lox and pastries for the kiddush, disposable plates and utensils, tefillin and prayer shawls, an assortment of prayerbooks and, of course, a Torah. The food was donated by brothers Zalman and Gershon Stern of Montreal.

The Lubavitchers also brought with them a spirit that defied the dourness of the location. They lead the four men — at first hesitant — into dancing and singing around the desk where the Torah lay after they had been admitted to Jewish adulthood.

Many of the prison's administrators, including superintendent Peter Lacy, the Catholic and Protestant chaplains and other staff witnessed the event, which was for most their first bar mitzvah. Their presence filled the void left by the absence of any family of the three other men called to the Torah.

Out of respect for the dignity of the occasion, security was unobtrusive, although all goods brought in had to be searched.

The ceremony ran almost two hours, with Gottesman leading the four 'bochers' through the day's readings and the reciting of the Shema and other prayers. They also sang Shalom Aleichem and Hatikvah. The two Soviets recited kaddish for dead parents.

Meanwhile, the Lubavitchers davened in the other corner of the room, facing the east window.

Gottesman told the men that they must never give up hope because God hears their prayers wherever they are. He also drilled them on the value of honest work and urged them to join the Jewish community when they are released.

Superintendent Lacy, who presented the men with bar mitzvah certificates, said, "You've taken a big step. Stay with it."

"It's kind of like a new beginning," said Berman, a native of Oceanside, NJ. Berman, who expects to be released next year, said he had gone to Hebrew school, but his family was not especially religious and a bar mitzvah was not that important to them.

Jacobs said his bar mitzvah has encouraged him to continue his Jewish studies and to try to live in accordance with Jewish law. He said the ceremony gave him a feeling of "closeness to God" and pride in being Jewish.

Bar Mitzvah "boys" Mark Gorelik (left), Vova Krechman, Jeffrey Berman and Robert Jacobs smile after receiving certificates following a ceremony at the Bear Hill Correctional Facility in Malone, NY. [Howard Kay photo]

Sexual inequality seen on kibbutz

By DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

TORONTO —

Sexual inequality in the kibbutz exists and always has, even from the very beginning, says Uri Leviatan, psychologist, kibbutznik, and a professor at the Centre for Kibbutz Studies at the University of Haifa.

Speaking recently at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Leviatan said that the kibbutz has failed to live up to its ideal of gender equality, a concept considered so important it was written as a law.

In reality, men tend to work in production — factories and fieldwork. Most women choose to work in the areas of childcare and service — the kitchen, the laundry.

The top level managerial positions on the kibbutz are held mainly by men.

The weekly general meetings of the kibbutz, where decisions are made and opinions voiced has more male participation and attendance than women.

Leviatan's research showed significant differences in outlook: Work was central in the men's lives; family in the women's lives. When asked if they would choose to live in a kibbutz again, more men then women answered yes. More women than men want to leave the kibbutz, he said.

Leviatan said the problem lies in the fact that the kibbutz never properly dealt with the issue of gender roles, from the beginning. Although they proclaimed equality, traditional expectations carried over from their European upbringing prevailed.

Equality between the sexes was imbedded in the ideology of the kibbutz. But the reality was quite different from the vision. Women continued to work within their traditional roles. There are accounts of women from Degania in 1910, complaining bitterly when the men went off to plough and they were left in the camp to prepare the food over stoves made of stones.

They had expected "to live with nature" and toil shoulder to shoulder with the men, Leviatan said. They felt they were worse off than their mothers, and were jealous of the men's fulfillment in their work.

When children started coming, Meir Yaari, a leading figure in Kibbutz Artzi, wrote in 1921 that "female members who have the appropriate training and motivation" should take care of them.

It wasn't till the late 1970s that the kibbutz woke up to sexual inequalities and began doing something about gender expectations.

In 1976 Leviatan initiated male workers into the children's house on his kibbutz — a rarity in Israel at that time.

To him, these sexual differences, not economics, are the major crisis in the survival of the kibbutz.

"If 50% of the kibbutz populated is lagging, that is not healthy. This means only 50% of the talented people are contributing and the level goes down."

Today there is an increased number of women in the production branches of the kibbutz and in the major management positions, he said. Leviatan stated that he and many others in the kibbutz movement hope this is a trend that will grow.

Torah study retreat has haymish atmosphere

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Haymish is hardly a term you would ordinarily apply to Ivy Leagues institutions of higher learning.

Yet it is probably as apt a description as any of the atmosphere at the Ivy League Torah Study Program, a summer retreat in the Catskill Mountains where the fundamentals of Judaism are taught to Canadian and American undergraduate and graduate students.

Uniquely, those accepted to attend — including from such stalwart Ivy League strongholds as Vassar, Harvard, Yale and Princeton — get room and board and are actually paid $1,200 (U.S.) each to spend six weeks at the retreat (June 19 to July 30 this year).

"Earn while you learn!," prospects are advised.

The reason for paying fellowships is so students who need to earn money during the summer aren't automatically excluded.

The time is divided between structured classes, guest lecturers, tutorials, independent study projects, and student and faculty forums.

There are essays and exams but also recreational activities like music, hiking and swimming.

"We teach the basics in Judaism," said Ruth Shatkin, the program's Brooklyn-based director, while in Montreal to attend the recent international gathering of the Women of Lubavitch.

Shatkin was also in the midst of a 3-month recruitment and interview drive touching down in more than 20 cities from Los Angeles to Montreal, the only Canadian city where she is conducting interviews March 31.

For Shatkin, herself a ba'alat tshuvah to "Torah true" Judaism, the Torah Study Program is the ideal way to become acquainted with Jewish law, custom and ethos "in a palatable way."

The program was the inspiration of a student at Yale University who was unsatisfied with the availability of Jewish education on campus.

Eventually, he became a member of the Lubavitch community and presented his idea to Rabbi Jacob Hecht, the executive vice-president in New York of Lubavitch's National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE).

The NCFJE became sponsor of the program, which since its inception has provided background in biblical studies, Jewish ethics, Jewish laws and customs, Talmud, chassidic philosophy to more than 300 students, a few from as far west in Canada as Edmonton.

Ruth Shatkin

This year an estimated group of 70 will be accepted and will help the program celebrate its fifth anniversary.

Shatkin made it clear that the program was not a thinly veiled attempt to "convert" or coerce new members to the Lubavitch community, even though the program does not shy away from its position that it is presenting "authentic" and "Torah-true" Judaism.

To the contrary, she stressed, most who complete the program do not become Orthodox. The program is geared to individuals with a sincere desire to improve on their limited or non-existent knowledge of Jewish teachings and practice, to "present Judaism in an open-minded way," Shatkin said.

In that vein, she said, the program has received the support of non-religious groups like Hillel and Jewish student unions.

As well, students at the retreat are welcome and even encouraged to challenge their instructors and seminar leaders in the spirit of pursuing the truth.

Men and women are accepted to the Ivy League program in equal numbers, and subjects like the woman's role in Judaism or Who is a Jew are wide-open for discussion, Shatkin said.

In Montreal, more information on the Ivy League Torah Study Program can be obtained by by calling Rabbi Ronnie Fine at (514) 842-6616.

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Oh, God give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed; courage to change what should be changed; and wisdom to distinguish one from the other. *— Reinhold Niebuhr, A New Treasury of Words to Live By*

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Serenity. Courage. Wisdom.

Look beyond their actual meaning to their application to life.

Serenity equates to peace of mind. Courage is the ability to follow one's convictions even if they be contrary to the mainstream. Wisdom is good judgment.

If possessed, these traits would offer some semblance of happiness or inner calm, something craved as much as love or nourishment.

The idea of making the world a better place for future generations is appealing even if some are motivated by a desire for immortality. Although these people are sometimes lambasted by society for its perception of their actions or beliefs, they continue to, in society's words, tilt at windmills.

In this regard, it's often difficult to separate people from issues. The people we've focused on in this edition are all linked to causes.

We've placed the issue of aliya under the microscope. For this, we've talked to a variety of people; some have had the courage to try life in Israel and the wisdom to know that it wasn't for them. However, serenity is something which many have found there.

Other key features are on Dr. Philip Berger and his concern for AIDS patients, and Prof. Michael Marrus and his Holocaust series.

These individuals have seen something lacking and, in trying to answer their own conscience, have risen to the occasion.

Have they found serenity, courage and wisdom? Perhaps, but more than anything else these windmill-tilters are helping make the world a better place.

Wendy Rosen

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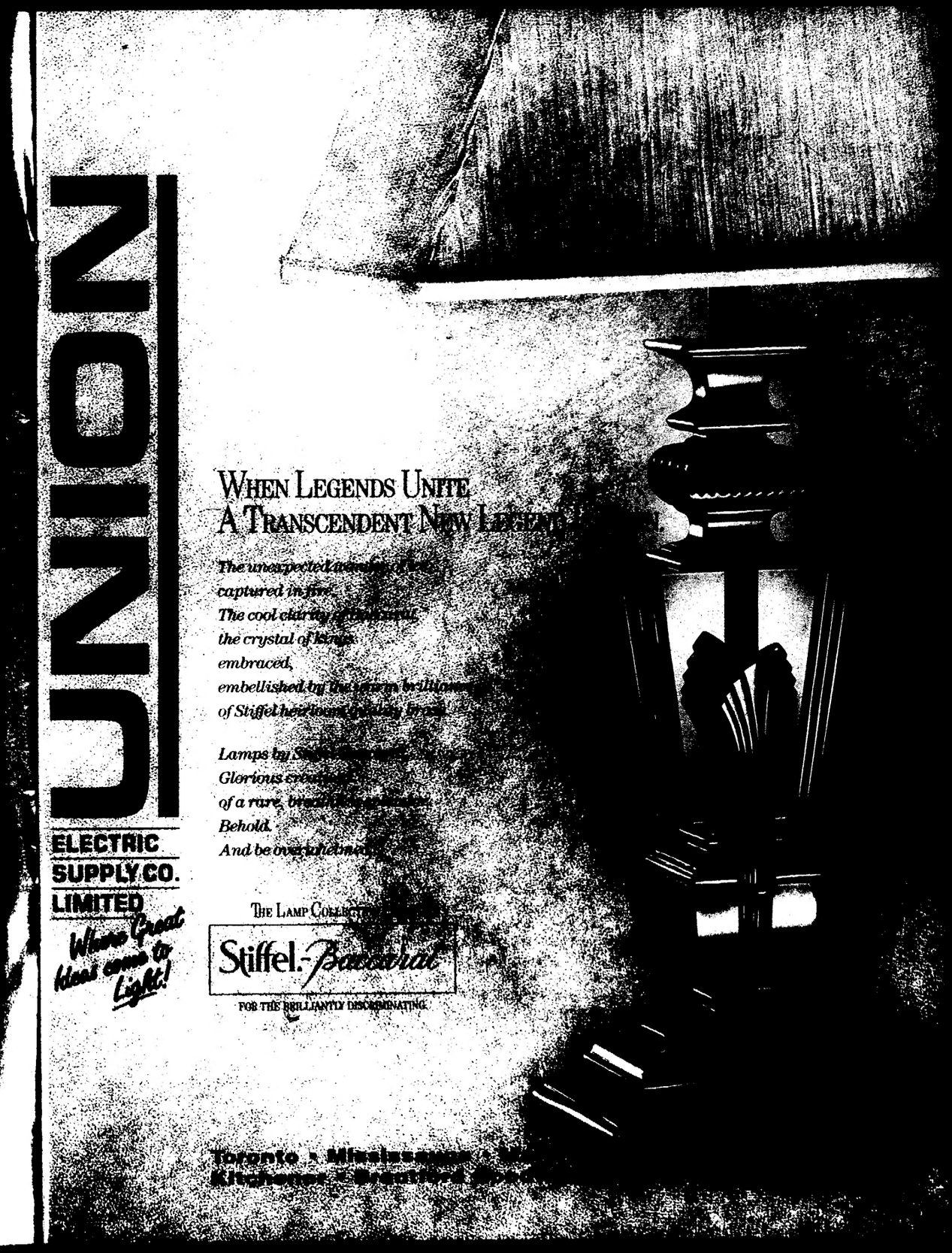

Menachem Yosefi lives out his dream of life in Israel. (Paul Lungen photo)

ALIYA: *A difficult decision for Jews to make*

By PAUL LUNGEN

Menachem Yosefi's odyssey that took him to Israel began almost nine years ago. Back then, his legal name was still Mark Yuzefovitch, but the stubborn young Zionist made it clear to all around him he wanted to be known by his Hebrew name, Yosefi.

Living in a small apartment in Moscow with his parents, brother and sisters, he would examine a map of Israel, studying the location of towns and villages. His uncle, now living in Beersheba, drew a picture of a synagogue on a living-room door and decorated the scene with the image of a pious man wearing a tallit.

His family spoke only Hebrew in the home and Menachem immersed himself in Hebrew literature, even reading Jules Verne in its Hebrew translation.

For seven of those nine years, Yosefi dreamed of living in Israel. His family became known internationally as his father endured a hunger strike, beatings and anti-semitic epithets while, in a gesture of solidarity, Canadian teens enjoying their bar or bat mitzvahs were "twinned" with Menachem.

That dream came true in late 1987 when Soviet authorities granted the family its exit visa for Israel.

Unlike the overwhelming majority of Soviet Jews who eschew the rigors of life in Israel for the more comfortable one in the West (some estimates put the figure at 90 percent), the Yosefi family moved to Israel. They eventually settled in the small community of Beit Choron, a 40-minute commute from Jerusalem where 15-year-old Menachem studies at the Rubin Music Academy and does volunteer work at the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre.

Although he experienced "some kind of shock" when he finally arrived in the promised land — "everything is in Hebrew!" — Menachem has fully integrated into the lifestyle and culture of the Jewish state where he remains a strong advocate of aliya.

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Cover Story

It's the best place "to be a Jew... not to forget it."

Coming from Moscow, Menachem was startled at the Israeli stores with shelves lined with consumer goods and the absence of long lineups. But, unlike their Soviet cousins, in the cases of most Canadians, moving to Israel means a definite drop in the material standard of living.

That at a time when refugees and immigrants are arriving in Canada in open boats and while tens of thousands of others are hoping to be accepted as landed immigrants. Still, a small group of Canadian Jews each year leaves the land of plenty for a more austere and less affluent life in Israel.

But there is another richness to life in Israel that can't be measured in purely monetary or material terms, they say — the same kind of Zionist fulfilment that still brings a smile to Menachem Yosefi's face.

Each year about 350 Canadian Jews pick up stakes and head for Israel. They join the estimated 10,000 Canadian Jews who over the years have made Israel their home.

Many of those who make aliya (Hebrew for going up, as in going up to Jerusalem, and those who leave Israel are yordim, those who go down) do so under the guidance and advice of Joshua Fruchtman, a jovial, mustachioed sabra from the port city of Ashdod, south of Tel Aviv.

For the past year and a half, Fruchtman has served as shaliach (emissary) for the Israel Aliya Centre, operated under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation and sponsored by the Jewish Agency.

With responsibility also for olim (Hebrew for those who make aliya) in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and points in between, Fruchtman dispenses advice and reading material designed to promote aliya and smooth the way for those considering the move.

For most, aliya is clearly not a spur of the moment impulse. Those who make aliya without laying the proper groundwork are more likely to fail.

Joshua Fruchtman advises olim-to-be. (Paul Lungen photo)

Preparing for aliya is a job in itself, but a network of organizations and support groups help make a difficult process that much easier.

One such group, PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) attempts to bridge the gap between olim and parents living in the West, trying to facilitate their children's lives in Israel by, among other things, providing emergency funds, loans and alternative arrangements for mail delivery during strikes.

NAAM, the North American Aliya Movement, supports aliya through lectures, seminars, pilot tours and arranging Israeli work experience for potential olim.

Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfillment, is another aliya-promoting organization.

Chugim (circles for get-togethers and lectures) are arranged by local Jewish federations in cooperation with the Aliya Centre, where those interested in moving to Israel can learn more about the process.

On a more practical level, the Aliya Centre offers a bewildering array of programs for those who want to test the waters in Israel without jumping in the deep-end first.

University students can enrol for one-year programs at Ben-Gurion, Hebrew, Bar-Ilan and Tel Aviv universities.

The World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) offers a one-year program in which five months are spent in an ulpan (language lab) in Arad, while five-to-six months are devoted to the practical application of work in your field.

Sherut L'Am (a service to the people) is a program that combines kibbutz ulpan study with work in development towns.

Livnot U'lehibanot is a three-month program centred in the mystical city of Safed, in the Galilee. Adhering to the pioneering credo of building the land and being built by it, volunteers work in a cooperative environment, building, restoring and reconstructing portions of the ancient town. Afternoons are spent exploring one's Jewish heritage, studying Hebrew, history, ethics and Jewish law.

Short-term programs are also available for graduating Jewish high-school classes as well as for college students.

It was one of the latter junkets that brought 24-year-old Mark Kaimen to Israel for the first time. A native of Hamilton who attended Toronto's York University, Kaimen spent six weeks in Israel on a tour organized by the Israel Youth Program Centre.

That trip, he says, kindled a desire to make Israel his permanent home. He returned to Israel last summer, spending almost four months in an ulpan in kibbutz En Shemer, north of Tel Aviv just off the country's main north-south coastal highway.

The kibbutz experience clinched it for him — he would make aliya at the earliest opportunity.

Now, displaying the fervor of a true chalutz (pioneer), Kaimen is readying for a May 1st departure date.

Unlike many of the others who go on aliya, Kaimen has not opted for the "toshav ara'i — A/1" (temporary resident visa) which gives holders a three-year grace period in which to decide whether or not they should opt for immediate Israeli citizenship.

Instead, he has chosen the oleh's direct route — immediate citizenship under the Law of Return, with all the rights, privileges and duties that result.

And unlike other olim, who after disembarkation take up residence in an absorption centre, Kaimen will head straight from Ben Gurion Airport to Kibbutz Keramim, in the Negev Dessert north of Beersheba.

It's a relatively new settlement, Kaimen says, with only 75 members.

The prospect of joining a pioneering kibbutz, with all the hardships, difficulties and hard work that entails does not phase Kaimen in the least. Quite the contrary — he relishes the challenge.

"I really want to get in on the ground floor; be one of the molders and founders of a society. I want to have a say in

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how to set up the society and in the rules we'll live by."

With the moral support of his family and the practical advice offered by Fruchtman and the Kibbutz Aliya Desk, Kaimen has completed all the arrangements for joining the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz.

The shaliach was especially helpful, Kaimen says, informing him about his newfound economic rights — the ability to import certain goods duty free and apply for subsidies and other benefits offered only to olim.

But for an enthusiast like Kaimen, the monetary benefits are not the raison d'etre for moving to Israel.

"It may be old-fashioned, but it's the ideal of the pioneers... getting back to the land and working the land... renewing your ties to it."

If Kaimen did not consider aliya until his first visit, it took the trauma and exhilaration of the 1967 Six Day War to spark Dr. Alex Deutsch's interest in it.

Eventually, he and wife Gloria decided to participate in a "pilot tour" offered by Tehilla, the Union for Religious Aliya.

Tehilla, an eight-year-old organization with volunteer-staffed branches around

Dr. Alex Deutsch

the world, is in the business of promoting religious aliya to Israel, Itzhak Rossler, a Toronto volunteer and school principal says.

It organizes subsidized "pilot trips," where a potential oleh can visit the country for two weeks, during which Tehilla's network of contacts arranges job interviews, helps scout for possible homes, hosts a Shabbat and attempts to acclimatize the potential oleh with the Israeli reality.

It's a little like having your own ready-made protektzia (connections) without actually having lived in Israel.

Deutsch, who is spending a sabbatical year at Mt. Sinai and Toronto General hospitals, said the pilot tour gave his family "a good bird's-eye view" of Israel.

When they finally moved, they had an idea of what to expect in terms of job availability, accommodations, schools and salaries.

Still, there are quite a few "adjustments" the Deutsches had to make after their arrival, in his case, regarding his profession as a surgeon.

"Almost every senior position in Israel has an incumbent." He says there is a lot of competition for good jobs and "quite often you must take a job less senior than the one you are qualified for. You may have to take a chop."

Olim also have to get used to a different — some would say lower — standard of politeness. "People don't go around telling you to have a good day," he said in what must rank as one of the great understatements of the year.

Still, these are usually minor irritants with which the oleh must contend. Olim who change their minds and return to their starting points more often than not do so because of the difficulties in making a living, Deutsch says.

They just have to reconcile themselves to the fact that even though Israeli living standards have risen "astronomically, you can't go on aliya and think you're going to do better. You will have to make a sacrifice."

Citing the cases of those who make aliya hoping for a new start, or at the instigation of only one marriage partner, Deutsch suggests if you don't go for the right reasons, you'll be back home in just a few years.

For him, "the only reason to go is because you want to live in Israel... in a Jewish state. (There), the feeling is 'I'm living in my very own country' sounds so corny and hackneyed, but true. They really want you.

"We cried for it for 2,000 years, it's here in our lifetime. What a privilege."

Canadian olim come from just about all strata of the community, Fruchtman says. They span all age, religious and financial categories and come from all regions of the country.

Break down the figures however, and you'll find the two biggest age categories are the youthful 18 to 22 year olds and those in their 40s.

The third major age category, retirees, often move to Israel to be near their children and happily find their pensions seem to go a lot farther in Israel than they do in Canada, Fruchtman says.

Of the 350 or so Canadians who made aliya last year, 119 came from Toronto, with Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver, Winnipeg and smaller communities providing the balance.

About 10 percent are "very dati" (religious), while 30 to 40 percent are of the "modern Orthodox" (Mizrachi) orientation of the religious Zionist movement, Fruchtman says.

The remaining 50 to 60 percent come from the other streams of Judaism — Conservative, Reform, secular, nationalist groups. In contrast, fully 60 percent of American olim are religious or very religious in orientation, he adds.

Ron and Perla Riesenbach gave Israel a try — on two occasions — but found the lifestyle, the mind-numbing bureaucracy and the distance from loved ones too much to bear.

For Mrs. Riesenbach, 30, who now works in one of Toronto's Hebrew day schools, remaining in Israel meant "knowing I wouldn't see my parents more than once every two or three years," something she wasn't prepared to do. For her, that was the decisive factor.

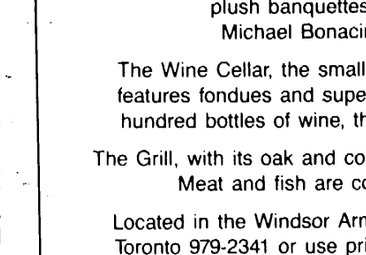
The hyper-inflation of the time, which compelled consumers to spend their paychecks the moment they received them, and the bureaucratic ineptitude — "you could kill a morning going to the post office and bank; some seemed to be paid to make tea, others to knit" — were disincentives as well.

Her husband, an electrical engineer by training, was perturbed by the absence of a "Protestant work-ethic" in every-day life and the attitude of his peers who "were incredulous that I wanted to come to live in Israel."

However, what irked him most was that hard work and diligence were not guarantees of success. Instead, it was who you knew and how well you could "manipulate the system" that led to financial rewards.

Despite their qualms and the "struggling" lifestyle they experienced while in Israel, there were many aspects to life there they enjoyed.

He looks back at the "quality of life there... how kids would dress for Purim in the streets... chanukiahs in every window... safety in the streets," and the absolute stillness of Yom Kippur.



And "the friends we made there were like family," his wife added.

Actively involved with the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel — a self-help organization of olim — both recall it as a "wonderful" group of people.

It offered counselling services based on hard-earned experiences gained in the never-ending struggle with the idiosyncracies of the Israeli bureaucracy and helped cut through the red tape.

And there were parties, socializing and friendships for life established with other olim.

Still, the Riesenbachs eventually decided Israel was not for them.

Love for the country is clearly not enough to offset all the changes and difficulties of life in a different milieu.

They now live in Toronto with their four-month old baby boy, Ariel Eitan.

Everyone seems to know of an individual or couple who moved to Israel, only to return when the end of the three-year residency visa neared. Other yordim, it should be noted, declined to be interviewed for this story.

In the end, it comes down to a question of priorities. As Deutsch and Tibor Strauss, who returned to Canada after an attempted aliya, told a recent Tehilla meeting, the most vital element for a successful aliya is the right motivation and the will to make a go of it, despite the difficulties.

It may not be the land of milk and honey, offering an easy life for those who make aliya, but, as Deutsch maintains, "the only reason to go is because you want to live in Israel, and if you do, all the other problems will resolve themselves." ■

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Holocaust set has vast scope

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Later this year, toward the end of summer, a British publishing house, Meckler, will bring out a 15-volume set on the Holocaust containing nearly 300 of the most important scholarly articles on that baneful event. The Nazi Holocaust will herald the coming of age of contemporary Holocaust studies, in the words of its editor, Michael Marrus.

Marrus, a University of Toronto professor who is widely regarded as the leading scholar of the Nazi Holocaust in terms of scope and comprehensiveness, is aware of what has come before.

"There's nothing that comes close in any language that I know of" to collections of Holocaust-related documents somewhat bigger than the Nazi Holocaust have been published, he adds. But not one has published the entire output of articles that Meckler and Marrus have done.

It was after World War II that the Holocaust as a topic of serious scholarly treatment was inaugurated.

"Why this was the case remains something of a puzzle," said Marrus, the author of *Vichy France and the Jews*, *The Holocaust in History* and *The Unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century*. "It's a way in which full understanding and its significance and magnitude simply weren't fully grasped. It took time to put the Holocaust into its proper perspective."

After the initial trickle that included Raul Hilberg's groundbreaking work on the destruction of European Jewry and Hannah Arendt's book on the antecedents of totalitarianism, Eichmann, interest in the Holocaust rolled and now it has reached the point where Holocaust studies have become almost a cottage industry.

Without doubt, world-class scholars like Marrus have contributed to this renaissance. Marrus, whose lecture appearances have taken him to Israel, Europe and the United States, is naturally pleased and honored that Meckler asked him to assemble the material in *The Nazi Holocaust*.

"I would like to think that Meckler approached me because he sensed from the Holocaust itself a store that could impact beyond obscurity and complacency," he said.

"The articles in *The Nazi Holocaust* which has yielded [illegible] publications arose from such leading scholars as Hilberg and Christopher Browning, range in length from 10,000 to 20,000 words, a total of some three million words.

"The set is divided into nine sections, chronologically, beginning with the Holocaust, its origins, the Final Solution, inside and outside Germany, public opinion in Nazi Europe, the victims, Jewish resistance, bystanders, Palestinian Jewry, the Soviet Union, neutral powers and the church, and ransom negotiations, rescue, and [illegible] death marches, war crimes, post-war and postscript."

Due to space constraints, Marrus [illegible] but to leave out hundreds [illegible] articles. "It's a sign that Holocaust studies have matured, that we have an intimation of the scope of everything that's been done in the books that are about it, journals, memoirs, diaries and newspapers."

Some Toronto Marrus received his BA from the University of Toronto, his MA and doctorate from the University of [illegible]. Seriously, he spent his entire career at the University of Toronto, although he has been a senior associate at St. Anthony's College (Oxford), a visiting professor at the University of California and a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University.

Michael Marrus has edited Holocaust collection. (M-J Crete photo)

The road that led him to the Holocaust was not a straight one. During the 1970s, he specialized in European social history, delving into arcane topics ranging from social drinking in the Belle Epoque and modernization and dancing in rural France to the concept of leisure in industrial society and the uses of folklore. With the publication of *The Politics of Assimilation: A Study of the French Jewish Community at the Time of the Dreyfus Affair*, Marrus entered the realm of Jewish history.

In the late 1970s, he and Robert Paxton, an American, were commissioned by a French publisher to write *Vichy France and the Jews*, which is widely recognized as the definitive work on the subject. As a result, Marrus began reading on the Holocaust on a systematic basis and, during a sabbatical in Jerusalem, was introduced to two of Israel's leading authorities on it, Yehuda Bauer and Yisrael Gutman.

The first work to analyze vigorously France's ambivalent role in the Holocaust, *Vichy France and the Jews* was well received by the critics. In addition to being Marrus's baptismal by fire in Holocaust studies, it was "very important" in forming him as a historian. As he puts it: "The book, being intended originally for a French audience, obliged me to be as even-handed as I could, to see things as others would see them, to put myself into an environment that was not my own."

Despite the flood tide of books about the Holocaust since *Vichy France and the Jews* and the immense documentation left behind by the Nazis, startling gaps remain in the field, according to Marrus.

"We know very little about its economic impact, and we aren't even sure if it 'paid' Germany to put it brutally."

Further research is also necessary on Nazi policy toward the ghettoes, particularly before Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, and the role of the Romanian and Soviet governments in these dark years.

Among the most controversial questions still being debated by historians revolve around the origins of the Final →

Michael Marrus is a college professor. (M-J Crete photo)

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Solution and the relationship between East European opinion and the Nazi persecution of the Jews, Marrus added.

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Marrus, whose wife's family lost relatives during the war, has little patience for Holocaust deniers.

"I feel it's my obligation to deny them serious standing and the wide platform they so desperately seek. They're flat earth people trying to teach in an astronomy department! It is a great mistake to help them emerge from the obscurity they so richly deserve."

In his view, the majority of revisionists are propelled forward by a "vicious anti-Jewish agenda." He is calm despite his apparent welling anger. "The best answer is to put the history of the Holocaust in its proper perspective."

Marrus contends that Holocaust deniers make a sham out of history. "There's not a single scholar among them. It's a completely unscholarly exercise."

Out of curiosity, he attended the trials of Ernst Zundel, the Toronto neo-Nazi propagandist who has appealed his nine-month sentence of promoting intolerance and hatred against Jews.

"I found it obscene that a court of law was obliged to take his slanders seriously and was forced to spend hours pursuing questions whether Auschwitz was some kind of country club. It was an outrage. But a legal proceeding requires us to give full and ample considerations for the rights of the accused."

Marrus argues that full-blown trials for neo-Nazi slanderers may even be counter-productive.

"They thirst for publicity, and without it, they would wither on the vine. We do have laws against racial incitement. If they're not a clear and present danger to the community, they can be ignored."

In common with Alan Borovoy, the director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Marrus says that such trials are inappropriate.

Currently, Marrus is working on a long-term book which integrates the Holocaust into the mainstream of modern European history. For a long time, he says, the Holocaust was not addressed adequately in such texts.

"I'm taking my time. It's a project of huge proportions. A very ambitious project."

Given Marrus's stellar reputation, the book should be a major contribution to European historiography.

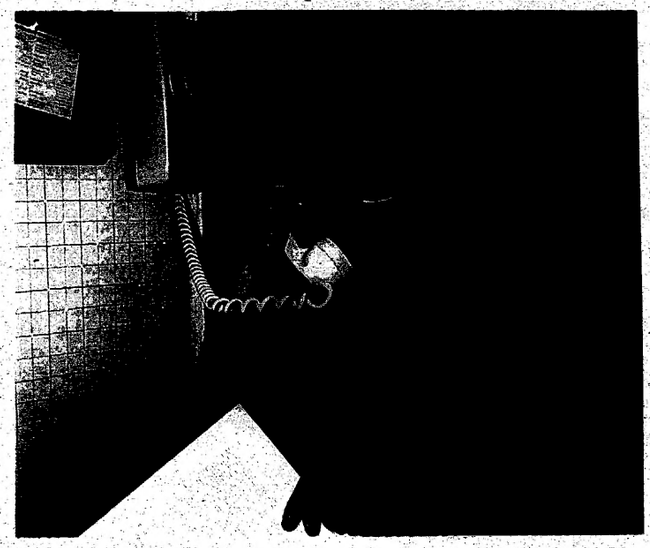
AIDS patients, torture victims

Berger strives to make a "small dent"

By ED FEUER

Remember back to June 1986. The scene is a CBC Journal forum in Toronto on the then-red hot Ontario extra-billing dispute. A young doctor named Philip Berger is expressing his opposition to the Ontario Medical Association's stance as other doctors and their supporters attempt to shout him down.

Berger, who was then on the steering committee of the Medical Reform Group of Ontario (MRG), was on the winning side with the passing of Bill 94. This former Winnipegger first gained public notice in treating refugees who had been victims of torture and he's now on the front lines of the AIDS battle.


Dr. Philip Berger reviews a case. (M-J Crete photo)

The 38-year-old son of Winnipeg dermatologist Dr. Saul Berger and his wife Naomi is an idealistic dynamo who takes on his causes with a passion and fights vigorously in those areas where it's possible to make what he calls a "small dent."

"There's a long tradition of Jewish individuals doing what they can to help other people," Berger said in an interview. "Why should a person do these activities? My answer is that they have to be done. There's no other reason for it. That's what a person should do. They don't deserve special praise for it."

Relating this philosophy to medicine, he said, "I think that patients have a moral claim on my skills. I don't see myself as owning my medical skills. I think they're collectively owned. I hold them in trust for the benefit of society. I think every doctor doesn't individually possess his knowledge — he or she holds it in trust to help people."

Berger has been in a private group practice as a general practitioner with three other physicians since 1982 and also has a full plate of human rights and medical activities as only a partial list shows. He is:

- a founding member of the Canadian Medical Network of Amnesty International;
- a founding member of the MRG;
- a founding member of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture;
- co-chairman of the HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus) Primary Care Physicians Group;
- an instructor on the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine;
- a member of Canadian Jewish Congress's national committee on law and social action coordinating the capital-punishment issue.

Add to this his numerous related articles in medical publications, submissions to government committees and commissions, and major presentations.

One of his most well-known affiliations is with the MRG, which was officially constituted in October 1979 to provide "an alternate voice" to the OMA.

The period when the extra-billing dispute was at its height was an unpleasant one for Berger and other MRG members.

"I got obscene phone calls, threatening phone calls from other doctors. The anger and hostility directed toward us were tremendous."

In Berger's view, the OMA's position left it "absolutely powerless politically." For that reason, he said, "the government can get away with giving a 1.75% fee increase." Furthermore, he warned, the public is not going to support them in the future "in areas where they might be correct."

Berger's involvement with refugee torture victims started in 1977 when fellow ex-Winnipegger Brent Knazan, who was then a law student, asked him to treat a woman who was suffering from the effects of torture. Recognizing the potential legal value of Berger's medical report as supporting evidence, Knazan included it with the woman's application for refugee status.

Other lawyers followed suit and began referring claimants to Berger and other doctors. At the same time, psychiatrist Dr. Frederico Allodi had started counselling refugee torture victims. Allodi and Berger got together and through their efforts, the Amnesty International Medical Group was founded in June 1978, and that eventually led to the formation of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, which has an annual budget of $200,000. →

Berger resigned from the board last July because of his "overwhelming commitments" to AIDS patients but he is still involved through giving lectures and other activities.

Berger called the new law dealing with refugee status applicants a "real catastrophe" for torture victims. He said the provision allowing 72 hours for determination of the claimants's validity does not give adequate opportunity to get an extensive medical report.

Then there is Berger's current involvement with the physicians group in the battle against AIDS. The group, formed in December 1987, has as its objective to promote "improved government and professional policies toward the care of HIV infected persons." Group members educate themselves by compiling "the most current, updated medical literature" for members and bringing in guest speakers for group meetings.

Most of the treatment role is falling on a few doctors, said Berger, who has, in addition to his other caseloads 125 HIV-infected patients, 20 percent of whom have AIDS. The physicians group has 25 active members (of which, he said, five or six are Jews) "and the patients tend to go to the very same doctors all the time, so we're all getting increasing numbers. The patients know who's experienced and who reads the articles, who knows what's going on."

Berger favors the establishment of more special AIDS outpatient clinics at hospitals and urges the adoption of anonymous testing. Since he says even the testing agency does not know the identity of the person, more people would come forward.

He urges more explicit public AIDS education programs calling for voluntary behavior that promotes prevention. They should be targetted to people who practice high-risk behaviors and teach them preventive measures "which means you have to be explicit about anal intercourse and intravenous drug use (using) the language they use."

Berger accused Ottawa and the Federal Centre for AIDS of providing no leadership in any area connected with HIV disease including coordination of services, education for professionals and the public, anonymous testing, access to drugs and initiating experimental drug trials. Canada does not have a national AIDS policy, he stressed.

And where does Berger get the time? "Since having children — he and his wife Frederika Rotter (a former immigration lawyer who now is vice-chairman of the Ontario Social Assistance Board) are the parents of Pia, 6, and Joseph, 4 — I have learned that I have to choose my activities really carefully."

Some of Berger's outspokeness is apparent when he talks about his Jewishness and the community.

"Being Jewish is central to my life. It really is crucial and very important which is why I try to seek out ways of connecting to the Jewish community — not that successfully ... I can't fit into a lot of what goes on and I have objections to a lot of the way the community runs ... "

Berger said his grandparents told him about their experiences in Europe and "I know about the pogroms, all the anti-semitism and discrimination. My wife was born in Germany. Her parents are from Poland and her entire family's history is in the Holocaust. And the Holocaust to me is not a recent fad. I've been studying it for 20 years, long before (to do so) became popular in the last few years.

"I think all these influences, the Holocaust, my grandparents and their history, my wife's family, whom I respect tremendously and who went through the worst type of hardships, lead me to the belief that it's important to speak your mind" and to try to check even in the tiniest ways "any proclivity to a repressive state in which in the end Jews have always suffered." ■

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By WENDY ROSEN

"We represent every parent's greatest fear — losing a child. Many people just don't know how to deal with us or our child ... people don't know what to say."

The words belong to Carol-Ann Szwarz of Burlington, Ont. whose three-year-old first-born Jennifer has Tay-Sachs Disease, a genetic disorder which researchers say in severe cases is usually fatal by age four.

Although Tay-Sachs is a disease that has a high incidence rate for Ashkenazi Jews, Hospital for Sick Children's Drs. Joe Clarke and Roy Gravel say screening programs have realized a marked drop in the births of affected children among this group. However, they say, it is the non-Jewish population that is more at risk because there is no screening and in all likelihood will never be due to the high cost and rare incidence.

Tay-Sachs is only passed on to a child if both parents are carriers, in which case there is a one in four chance the child will be affected.

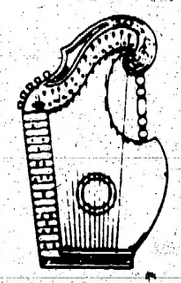
Data provided by Gravel, a researcher in genetics at Sick Kids' Research Institute, shows that among Jews, one in 27 people is a carrier and the incidence of affected births is one in 3,000. In the non-Jewish population, only one in 167 is a carrier and the affected birth rate is one in 112,000.

Szwarz — neither she nor husband Henry are Jewish — said that the trauma of caring for a Tay-Sachs child 24 hours a day often affects family life.

"It can either make or break a marriage. In our case it brought us closer together. We found out who our friends are. After two years, they're still coming around to learn how to help care for her."

Jennifer was 15 months when she was diagnosed in January 1987. The Szwarzes were told their was no estab- →

Dr. Roy Gravel performs a test in his lab. (M-J Crete photo)



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lished support group for parents "so I took the bull by the horns and decided to get going on it." The parent peer support group for Tay-Sachs and allied diseases — such as Niemann-Pick and Sandhoff diseases — held its first meeting at Sick Kids the following June and now meets every month alternating at Sick Kids and McMaster-Chedoke Medical Centre in Hamilton.

In realizing that there are families outside the Hamilton-Toronto area who need a support network, this spring the loosely structured group becomes the Canadian affiliate of the American National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association. As well as families with an affected child, the group also offers support to couples awaiting the prenatal diagnosis.

The mandate, too, has changed from parent support and public awareness to include other things which the American group has initiated such as an equipment lending library — certain aids such as special strollers and a suction machine (a small catheter placed down the throat to facilitate swallowing), can be sterilized, stored and provided to parents who would not be able to purchase them.

However, Szwarz says, another important element is a telephone support line.

"If a mother is alone during the day looking after her child, she may need to talk to someone," she said, adding that it is unlikely to have another family with the problem in the same area. Under this plan, she would be able to call someone for support in another area and charge the call to the group.

There is no cure or treatment for Tay-Sachs nor, Gravel says, is there likely to be in the foreseeable future because of the nature of the disease.

"Fundamentally, Tay-Sachs is a brain disease. You can't get to the brain through normal routes so you can't intervene ... put back what's missing."

With Tay-Sachs, the cell's lysosome is unable to break down unneeded molecules — due to a missing enzyme called hexosaminidase — and these are stored.

Gravel says one of the most prevalent views of what happens is that the waste accumulation eventually causes the cell to mechanically break down and "as these accumulations occur in neurons, the nervous system is fundamentally destroyed."

Szwarz, who was 7½ months pregnant at the time of the February interview with her second child (prenatal screening showed that the fetus was not affected), said that if people know they are carriers, they can take preventive measures before a pregnancy results.

"They can then make an informed decision if they want to have children. The options are obvious — not to have children, to bring up a child with it or termination."

Clarke, who heads Sick Kids' division of genetics, departments of genetics and pediatrics, and serves on the scientific committee of both the American and Canadian support groups, says between 600 and 700 people are tested Monday afternoons at the two-hour clinic at the Elm Street Wing. Most people come in as couples but wait until

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the woman is pregnant, which puts pressure on the screening process. (A recent survey showed about one-third of the women tested were pregnant.)

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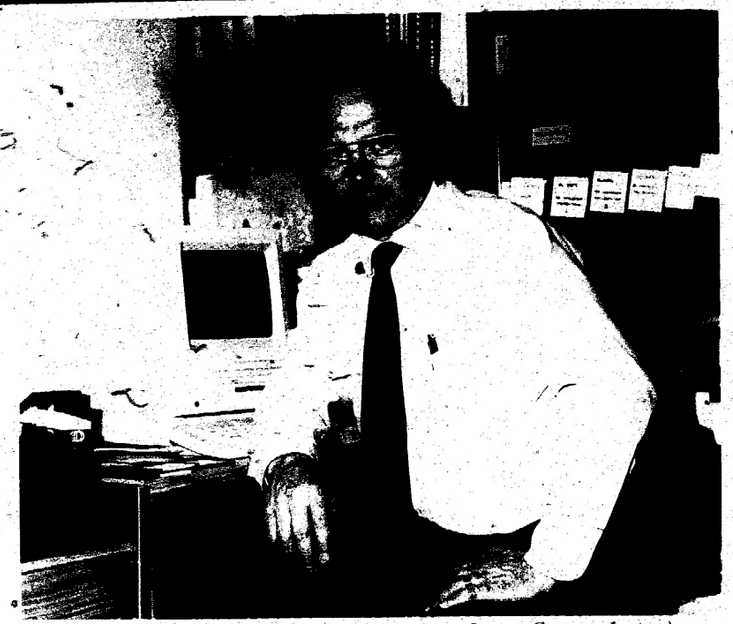
If both the man and the pregnant woman are carriers, they are then referred for prenatal diagnosis. The better established and more widely available method is amniocentesis. The downside of this method which extracts amniotic fluid from the mother's womb via a needle is that it cannot be done until 16 weeks of gestation. Add on another two to four weeks to culture the cells and it's not possible to have an answer available until 18 to 20 weeks of gestation.

The other technique is called chorionic villus sampling (CVS) and this can be done between nine and 12 weeks of gestation. A fine catheter is inserted through the cervix to "suck out" a small



Dr. Joe Clarke heads program. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

sample of the chorionic villus (the part of the embryo that is implanting in the maternal uterus which will become the placenta).

A technologist separates the maternal tissue from the sample and subjects it to enzyme analysis for hexosaminadese. As it is possible for a small amount of contamination with maternal cells to affect enzyme activity, "we also culture the cells and measure enzyme activity. If there is any doubt or concern about the procedure up to that stage, we will have completed all of that before 16 weeks so a woman can still have an amniocentesis."

Clarke says CVS is becoming by far the preferred procedure as it's done earlier so the results are faster. If the fetus is found to be affected, "we can usually tell within one week so if the lady chooses to have the pregnancy terminated, it is usually done before 12 weeks."

The reason there was a push for earlier diagnosis is the emotional risk to the mother.

"Most women experience quickening, that is the sensation the fetus is moving, by 16 to 18 weeks so the pregnancy is no longer perceived as an abstract sort of thing. It becomes more emotionally immediate and therefore any delay beyond that time is very stressful.

Barbara Triggs-Raine

"We would much prefer if pregnancy were to be terminated, it would be done before 20 weeks and ideally before 12 weeks."

Clarke says many couples taking advantage of a prenatal diagnosis are not Jews but rather couples like the Szwarzes who have had an affected child and who want to try again.

Szwarz said the longer a woman ha

to wait to find out if a fetus is affected "the more psychologically difficult it is. There's a lot of guilt about terminating a pregnancy you want so badly — it's the most difficult thing you can do."

Gravel says screening and prenatal detection have come a long way since the genetic disorder was first discovered in the 1880s by Warren Tay, a British ophthalmologist who saw a cherry red spot in the back of the eye (the key sign that the child is affected as in the case of Jennifer Szwarz), and by Bernard Sachs, an American neurologist.

The defect was identified in 1969. Soon after, Dr. Michael Kabeck of the U.S. developed a carrier screening test. Dr. Alexander Lowden, who founded Sick Kids' screening program in the early 1970s, developed automated equipment for conducting the test.

Last year will be remembered as a banner year for Tay-Sachs research — two mutations accounting for almost all of the disease in Ashkenazi Jews were discovered.

In May, Gravel and his team simultaneously with that of Dr. Rachel Myerowitz at the U.S. National Institutes of Health reported on a change in a single chemical unit out of 32,000 in the gene that affects how genetic information is read.

In December, Myerowitz's team discovered a second mutation caused by an abnormal insertion of four chemical units into the gene.

This has been aided by a major new advance in DNA technology. Using a DNA amplification machine, it is possible to amplify the Tay-Sachs gene over a million fold to allow direct detection of the mutations in small samples of blood.

The hospital has recently received a DNA amplification machine which was donated by a foundation and this now is being used in the carrier screening program in parallel with the enzyme assay.

Gravel says a major part of the research thrust now is to determine "what the enyzme does for a living. We know what it does but don't know why ... We don't understand how the genes are controlled. We've isolated the gene and a major part of our research is to find out how it is regulated." ■

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Free trade: Coup or folly?

By MARIE MOORE

Exactly what effect will the Free Trade Agreement have on the Canadian apparel industry? Well, the experts polled by The CJN say free trade will either spell the demise or salvation of Canada's best-dressed industry.

Regardless of their position on the subject, most agreed that certain unknown factors such as the fluctuating Canadian dollar (anticipated by many to increase in value against the American dollar with the advent of free trade) and the ability of the Canadian textile industry to produce more competitively with high-quality, low-priced, third-country fabric imports will play significant roles in determining the ultimate answer.

Setting aside the unknown factors, what elements of the agreement and current trade statistics should be considered?

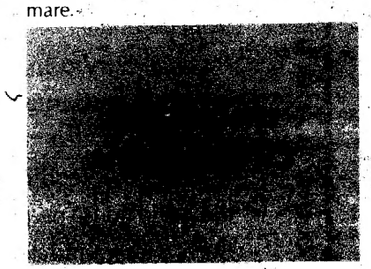
Claudio Valle, director of import controls division and deputy textile negotiator for the ministry of external affairs, said, "current export tariffs between Canada and the United States which range from 20 to 40 percent value duty on woollen apparel and 12 to 20 percent value duty on non-woollen apparel will no longer exist when free trade is fully realized in 10 years. Those duties will gradually decrease on an annual basis until that time."

However, uninhibited passage of goods from Canada to the U.S. will still not occur as newly established quotas now exist. Those quotas are based on country-of-origin rules which were renegotiated last year by Simon Reisman and Peter Murphy, the principal free trade negotiators for Canada and the U.S., repectively.

Peter Nygard, chairman of the SAGIT (the government's sectoral advisory committee on apparel and fur) says, "Internationally accepted trading convention consider goods to be domestically made even if raw materials come from a third country, providing that the labor value added in the exporting country accounts for more than 50 percent of the final price."

The current agreement only considers apparel which is made from 100 percent raw materials of domestic origin to have no trade barriers. Any other origin of fabric or ornamentation will immediately place that product into the restricted quota category. This means that it will have to be previously allocated approval by the Canadian government for export and that it will use up, in part, the yardage of the third-county origin fabric quota.

To further complicate the issue, it presently appears that all 100 percent domestic origin — apparel products will have to bear a certificate of origin — meaning that manufacturers must be able to guarantee all components of that product as Canadian or face severe penalties. For manufacturers who import (on average) about 60 percent of their raw materials from countries other than the U.S., the inventory process involved in keeping items segregated according to origin is a logistics nightmare.



The tariff quotas seem poignantly unbalanced. It would appear that American negotiators came to the bargaining table well-armed for battle. The woollen industry is Canada's strongest apparel contender and, because of climate, has developed the market to its fullest potential. However, as most Canadian manufacturers find preferable woollen fabric elsewhere, most is imported from third-country origins.

The FTA quota for duty-free apparel exports to the U.S. from Canada on third-country origin woollen products is only six million square yards per year. Amazingly, the figure for third-country non-woollen fabric (which is available to American manufacturers from American textile mills at much cheaper prices than our own Canadian mills due to higher labor costs) is 50 million square yards.

Experts disagree on the merits ...

Some experts contend Americans aren't worried about competing with our non-woollen exports made from third-country or Canadian origins. Their cheap labor and technologically superior textile industry can produce a competitive product at an equal or lower price with an American label on it — a further shopping incentive which is not likely going to be ignored by advertising strategies like the current "Buy American" campaigns.

Where they would have a tough time competing is with our beautifully-finished, designer-quality woollens. Hence, the 44 million square yard spread between the two categories.

In fact, Chris Kuzak, executive vice-president of the Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers Guild said, "Canadian manufacturers will use up the full woollen quota almost immediately, leaving little or nothing for people who should be considering exporting to the U.S. in future, and especially for our young, emerging designers."

As with Nygard, Kuzak and his group were originally in favor of free trade. Their open support of the government plan helped to rally less optimistic in-

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dividuals and groups to the cause.

"In 1980, third-country apparel imports totalled about 20 percent of the market sales, but since that time importers have increased the number of lower-priced, third-country garments to a 50 percent share of the market sales. In effect, cheaper clothes squeezed Canadian labels to the point where we had to increase the amount of imported fabric (also cheaper) in order to lower or maintain our product prices. We also started looking south of the border to expand our sales," Kuzak said.

"We were hit with protectionist measures early. Americans devised the Omnibus Trade Act and the Textile and Apparel Trade Act to restrict our exports into their country. Free trade seemed to offer exemption from such acts, so we embraced it immediately.

"Now, the Tariff Rate Quotas Act will restrict us much more as we estimate that approximately 80 percent of Canadian manufacturers's fabric is imported, while the U.S. imports about 20 percent of theirs. The woollen quota will be our greatest problem. Canadian companies can't stop producing woollens — our climate demands them — but they may have to develop a second line if they want to expand into the American market."

Those same quotas seemed to be foremost in Edie Johne's mind. The former president of The Council of Fashion Designers of Canada, Johne worked to bring her group up-to-date on free trade legislation in 1987.

"I think that free trade, as such, is progress and it's a wonderful thing to have. The world is shrinking and it's very important that Canadian designers be able to trade in the global community — but without the current stipulations.

"For example, the textile rules regarding country of origin will make it very difficult for Canadians. Having worked in the fashion industry as a designer for 15 years, I know I have found it extremely frustrating trying to buy the woollens I wanted in Canadian mills.

"Canadians should be able to buy their fabric wherever they want or need to without worrying about FTA consequences."

Brian Bailey, president of Designers Ontario (an offspring of Johne's group), is in the midst of establishing stringent guidelines for his new committee's portfolio. The organization will serve as an information source for designers and will tackle legal matters as well as industry-related communication problems.

Bailey hopes to provide seminars for those who are not yet sure of all the im-

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plications that the agreement will have on their business. He is "unimpressed" with both the materials available to him from the government and about the agreement in general.

"How fair can we expect government allocation of the tariff quota yardage to be?" he asked.

The government's Valle is "happy that his Canadian counterparts were able to negotiate the right to administer the quota and provide subsequent benefits to our apparel manufacturers."

His group "anticipates provisions for new entrants and new talent will be made."

At the present time, quotas for each company that wishes to export to the U.S. in 1989 and 1990 are based on historical performance. After a major survey of all apparel manufacturers, first priority was given to those which already export to the U.S. based on 1986 and 1987 figures. In a few months, 1988 data will be used to adjust these figures for next year.

"So, for 1989, companies have a guaranteed equivalent of so many square yards being used and should they need more, there are more available on a first come, first serve basis in 1990."

Job loss could be the result. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

How much longer will these quota figures stretch?

Unlike the opponents of tariff quotas, Valle and the government forecast a bright future with plenty of room for newcomers who wish to add their name to the exporting list.

"About one-sixth of the six million square yards of third-country origin woollens are currently exporting to the U.S. About 20 to 25 percent of the non-woollens are also accounted for.

"The biggest competition to Canadian apparel manufacturers will remain the third-world manufacturers, not the U.S. low-cost imports.

"Currently (January 1, 1988 figures), the Americans are 11th in the case of numbers or volume in competition for the Canadian market. Figures show that while 6.8 million American units (garments) crossed the border in 1987, 277 million units were imported in total. On an export basis, Canada accounts for .3 percent of one percent of total U.S. apparel imports."

While those figures contrast sharply with statements made by the Quebec Fashion Apparel Manufacturer's Guild and the Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturer's Guild, the Retail Council of Canada has predicted Canada's total fashion exports quotas will be filled "in a few years."

What about job loss?

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union estimates that 25,000 jobs will be lost in Ontario alone. The Quebec group said that "somewhere in the vicinity of 100,000 jobs will be lost in Canada, most of them in Quebec."

However, Valle argued, "we don't expect the FTA will bring about any more job loss than we're already experiencing due to increased technology and cheap third-world imports. We believe we can deal with the problem through our existing programs.

"In 1975, there were 87,000 workers in the clothing sector. Even though low-cost imports have increased from 20 percent to 50 percent of the market share since 1980, employment figures have risen to 99,500 as of 1987.

"It's true this industry is very volatile. In any one year, many companies go bankrupt, but many more are also just starting up. Our industry is advancing its technological skills, workers are being re-educated and on the whole, it's doing very well," he said.

"We have spent more than $2 billion to help develop the Canadian textile industry and I would expect that the share of North American bought fabrics will increase. Textile manufacturers will continue to go through their own transitions and develop more specialized products which will be unique to the Canadian apparel industry."

Harvey Taraday, CPA manager at Birnbaum, Prenick, Stekel and Co., has studied the Free Trade Agreement in order to put his clients in the position of "winners."

"When I read the agreement, I knew it was an emotional issue that would have a strong impact on the industry. I have a feeling that weaker manufacturers, importers and distributors will do poorly; they may survive if they are flexible to change, but most won't.

"Those who have thought it out and have based their development on knowledge, may do very well. The fact of the matter is, new designers will have to carve out their own niche and find a place where they can compete," he said.

"I believe that our dollar will increase in value, but still allow us about a 10-cent margin which should help compensate for lower labor costs and larger shops south of the border. Don't forget that the U.S. can only export a

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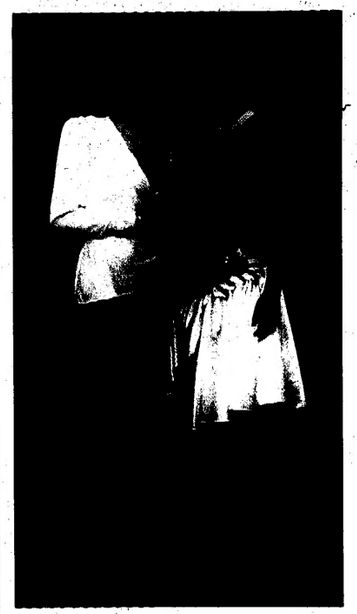

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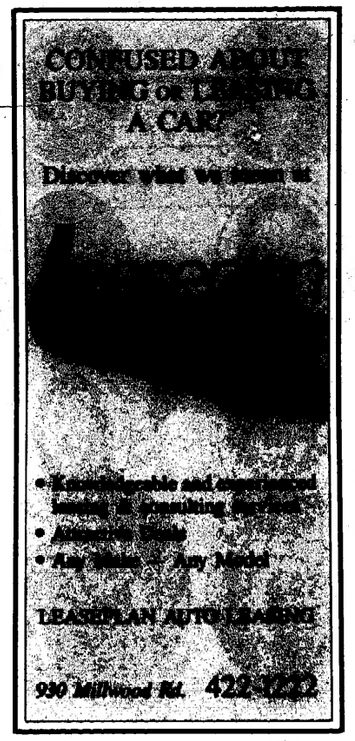
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Woollen fabric tariff quotas from the U.S. to Canada stand at 1.1 million square yards; non-woollen at 10.5 million square yards. Americans are depending on their domestic fabric products for increased market sales.

However, Michael Waxman, president of the Quebec Fashion Apparel Manufacturer's Guild says Americans still benefit more from "an unfair, unbalanced agreement.

"Our plants are smaller and house, on average, 30 people. In the States, it's not unheard of to have 500 to 1,000 employees in a manufacturing house," he said.

"Southern states's labor laws are killers! No unions to contend with and wages are less than half ours. We're not as fully automated either! There are no advantages here — only disadvantages."

Nygard, chairman of Nygard International, told the House of Commons committee reviewing free trade that, "Apparel industry entrepreneurs are highly skeptical of their future prospects in Canada.

"The industry does not consider the FTA as free trade, rather it is highly restrictive trade that cuts off the very strength of the domestic fashion industry in this country."

Yet Valle has said, "People in this industry tend to be much more aggressive and street-smart than we give them credit for. There's a new breed of entrepreneur out there — the Peter Nygards of the industry, who play the game in a much more global fashion."

If the Valles of this world are counting on the Nygards of this country to promote the Free Trade Agreement to an increasingly doubtful industry, it appears that their first task will be to convince the entrepreneurs themselves. ■

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REITMAN: *CJC president outlines highs and lows of reign*

By JANICE ARNOLD

Dorothy Reitman, the outgoing president of Canadian Jewish Congress, almost didn't get her foot in the door of Samuel Bronfman House. When, in 1977, Reitman, then president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, decided she wanted to run for an officer position at CJC, people told her she didn't have a chance. She went ahead anyway, confident that the "parliament of Canadian Jewry" should be a truly representative body.

She submitted her name for secretary (what else?). A men's organization ran an opponent. Undeterred, Reitman rallied the female troops from the NCJW, Hadassah-WIZO and other groups.

"At the Plenary Assembly, this man told an audience of about 500 people how wonderful I was, but then, turning serious, he said, 'But, ladies and gentlemen, this is a time for **important** issues.'

"So when it was my turn I got up and talked about important issues and won."

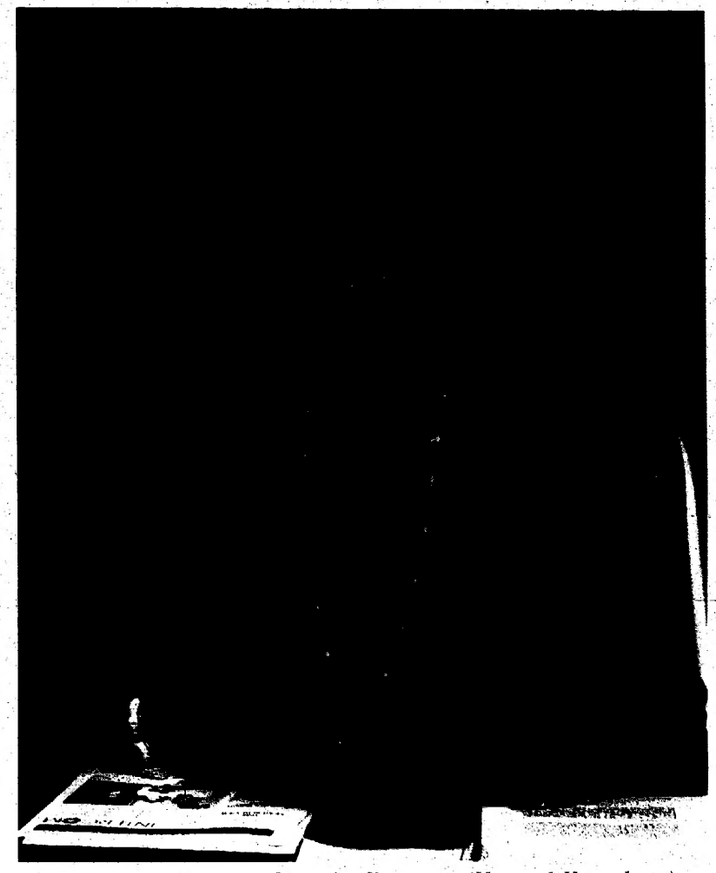
She and treasurer Rosa Finestone became the first women officers of CJC. In 1986, Reitman was elected president, another first for a woman.

Today, women are so numerous in the CJC hierarchy that Reitman has to sit down and tote them up.

"New ground has been broken for women at CJC, symbolically as well as pragmatically."

Talking about important issues is what Reitman has been doing for most of her three-year term which will end with the Plenary in Montreal in May.

Drawing on her experience with the NCJW and CJC's own law and social action committee, Reitman has broadened the type of issues CJC deals with from those strictly defined as Jewish to other current social and ethical questions. It's a trend that has been criticized by some people, including a few influential community leaders.



Issues important to Dorothy Reitman. (Howard Kay photo)

Reitman has no regrets. To her, it is vital that CJC act as "the advocacy arm" of the Jewish community, giving it the vehicle to speak on such issues as child care, the elderly, the disabled, equality for women and minorities and, more controversial, capital punishment and immigration policy. All either have direct impact on the community or beg the Jewish ethical perspective, she says.

Most of the positions taken in these areas reflected the resolutions adopted at the 1986 Plenary. Reitman says she recognizes there can never be unanimity on all issues. What CJC does is express the consensus of the community leadership; to do anything less would mean paralysis.

She contends it is particularly important for CJC to address government on issues related to the delivery of social services. For that reason, Reitman welcomes the general direction of the draft report of a joint CJC-National Budgeting Conference (the body that decides →

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how monies raised by local Jewish community appeals should be spent) task force on CJC's priorities, structures and funding, chaired by Ottawa professor N.H. Lithwick. One of its basic recommendations, now under discussion, is the merger of the CJC regions into the local federations, which would become dominant.

"One of my goals when I became president was for CJC to examine its role in the community to see if it could be more effective in the present context. I hope the Lithwick task force will accomplish that. Stronger involvement of the federations across the country will only increase the credibility CJC has when its speaks to government and streamline decision-making in the community."

The distinction between CJC and the federations is already blurring, Reitman says, pointing to the many officers they have in common. In fact, only three regions — Quebec, Ontario and the Pacific — now have separate CJC chairmen, she says.

A priority for Reitman when she took office was to increase CJC's presence in Ottawa. An office has since been opened, directed by Eric Vernon, whose job is to analyze legislation of potential interest to CJC and to produce the Ottawa Digest, a publication concisely describing bills before Parliament and CJC's position.

"Being in Ottawa, we can get a handle on legislation coming up, as well as an interpretation, which enables us to mobilize the community, if necessary."

Reitman also inaugurated the President's Newsletter, widely mailed throughout the Jewish community, which in "layman's language" chronicles what CJC has been doing.

Reaching out to Jews who have not found a niche in traditional community activities has been a priority of Reitman's. She is especially proud that, in Montreal at least, the CJC status of women committee has brought in many women who might otherwise have turned outside the community to be active in the equality struggle.

Has she gained the full respect of the male leadership?

"It's pretty hard to judge," Reitman said after a moment's thought. "I brought a very different leadership style, and stuck with it. I believe in working as a group, while the male style is usually far more autocratic.

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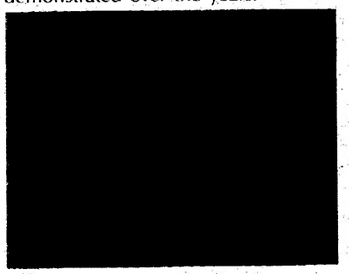
"I'm satisfied I have a very cohesive group of first-class people. They have adjusted to my style. They make the decisions; I only intervene if there is a problem."

Among the other highlights of her presidency, Reitman lists five items. They are: the publication of a handbook on race relations and the law; the completion of the documentary Voices of Survival, featuring interviews with Canadian Holocaust survivors; heading the first CJC mission to Israel last year; the introduction of legislation for the prosecution of war criminals and the easing of emigration restrictions on Soviet Jews which allowed the release of Refuseniks for whom she had demonstrated over the years.



On the latter point, Reitman speaks warmly of finally seeing Elfrieda Randmu, a women in Estonia to whom she had written for seven years, be permitted to join her children and grandchildren in Israel. Reitman met Randmu in the Soviet Union shortly before she left the country.

Reitman's three years have not been without disappointment. She regrets that CJC was not able to develop a program to discourage intermarriage and assimilation. She had hoped that CJC could play a greater role in Jewish education, serving as a centre for recruitment of staff and development of resources.

Reitman says she also wishes the archives at CJC headquarters could have been expanded into a major study centre that would attract more of the public.

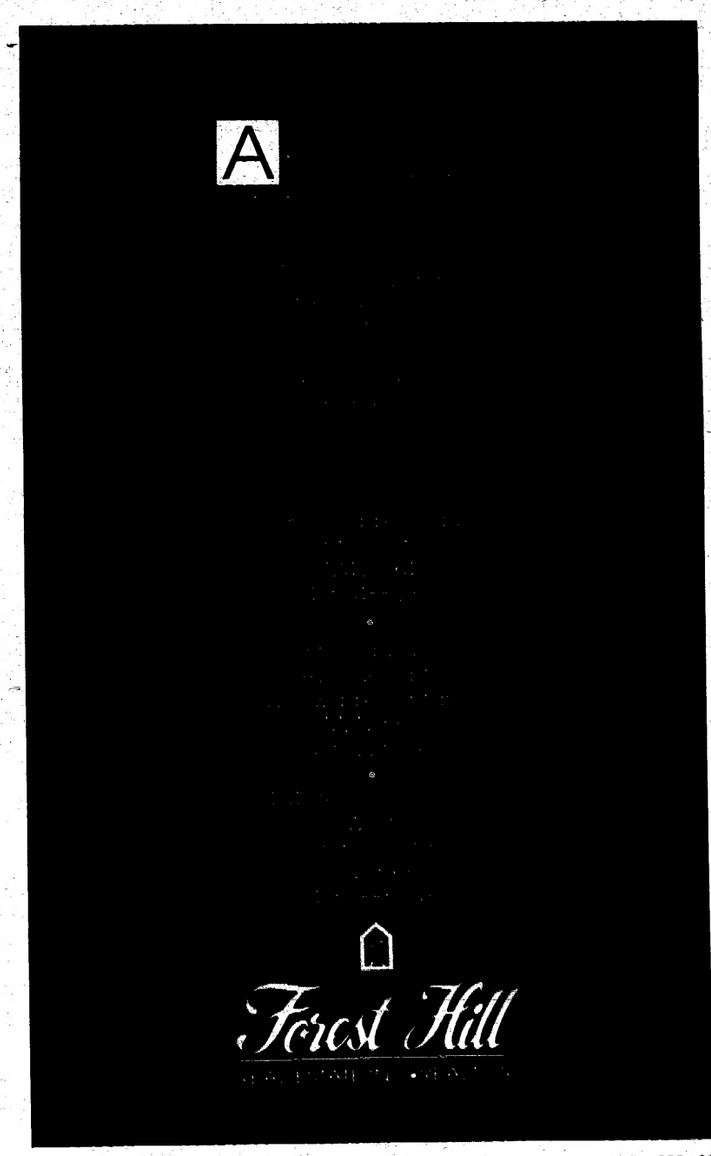
"One of my other frustrations was not having the time to give a greater Canadian presence in international Jewish organizations." Some progress has been made after talks with World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman, who said WJC should have a higher profile in Canada. As a result, the WJC will hold its executive meeting concurrently with the Plenary in Montreal.

Looking to the future, Reitman contends CJC must recognize the growing dominance of the federations and their leaders, and the necessity of their input in national community deliberations.

"CJC will ultimately become the planning, and not only advocacy, arm of the Canadian Jewish community, and Ottawa is the place its national office should be." This vision calls for CJC to evolve into the body coordinating the delivery of programs nationally.

The agenda of the Council of Jewish Federations, a New York-based umbrella organization to which the Canadian federations belong, now closely parallels that of CJC in such areas as oppressed Jewry and political action, she noted.

"If the federations here want to have a role in those activities, they either would have to form a separate organization, which would be ridiculous, or have input into CJC." ■



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Martin Goldfarb analyzes polls.

Pollster probes public preferences

By JEFF ROSEN

Martin Goldfarb is not unlike a psychologist who is forever examining different aspects of human behavior. However, unlike the good practitioner who examines one patient at a time, his professional couch is big enough to take in large segments of the population at one time.

Not that his offices atop Toronto's Madison Centre would hold all those people, but as president of Goldfarb Consultants Inc., pollster Goldfarb has probed, examined and studied different aspects of human behavior in various social science disciplines.

"It's a wonderful business," Goldfarb reflected. "You are forever discovering people and dealing with the most dynamic subjects in our society."

Of course anyone who follows public opinion polls realizes there are practically no taboo subjects for a pollster. Whether it is prejudice, discrimination, some aspect of consumer purchasing, politics, intimate or religious behavior or morals and ethics, an experienced pollster will have probed them all.

And Goldfarb, in his 22 years of polling, has definitely seen it all.

After completing undergraduate and graduate degrees in anthropology and sociology at the University of Toronto, the Toronto-born Goldfarb discovered the joys of examining the public psyche while working at a research company. Then, after trying his hand at teaching for a year, Goldfarb and his wife Joan, teamed up to start Goldfarb Consultants.

"She was a phenomenal help to me. Not only in helping me get the work done, but in editing the work. I would write, she would read and edit; she would ask questions, challenge some of the insights."

Eventually Goldfarb's "better-half" left the family business as the business of running of a growing family took precedence.

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However, even today, her contribution to the firm is quite apparent. As an interior designer and artist, her artwork adorns her husband's office, which she designed.

While the Goldfarb clan was growing (they now have five children), the Goldfarb business was also expanding by leaps and bounds.

What started as a small family business now has 65 employees in Toronto and branch offices in New York, Dallas and San Jose. At the same time, Goldfarb said he has quite a few clients in Europe.

The computer revolution has obviously had a major impact on Goldfarb.

Starting with an IBM card sorter — basically a hand-operated computer — Goldfarb now employs computer operators and software programmers to operate "some of the most sophisticated hardware."

The result has been that studies that used to take weeks now take hours. Data now can be collected, processed and analyzed within a matter of hours on computers the size of a coffee table.

And there's no stopping this revolution, Goldfarb says, predicting that technology will drive polling even faster and provide the public with a greater amount of information.

Martin Goldfarb advises federal Liberals. (M-J Crete photo)

"In real terms what we are moving from is representative democracy to information democracy," he said. "It will provide both the citizen and the decision-makers with instant information on the public attitude on any subject matter on any given day.

"It will make the world not less friendly, but more friendly because what you will have is personal information and access to personal information. You will be able to exchange ideas

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with your computer and with other human beings through your computer."

While the idea of government leaders having more information on its citizens may not go over well with some who feel that their elected representatives now govern by poll, Goldfarb dismissed the premise.

He said an effective leader has a responsibiltiy to lead and may use polls as an aid to understand society's attitude on a given subject. Even when a leader's objective clashes with society's preference, a poll can help in overcoming obstacles to achieve the desired political result, said Goldfarb, whom most people associate with the Liberal Party of Canada.

Not that the Liberal Party is Goldfarb's only client, though. He said political work accounts for only five percent of his business. Among the big name clients Goldfarb's company conducts research for are Ford Motor Company, Four Seasons Hotels, Bank of Montreal, McDonald's, Coca-Cola and The Toronto Star.

In each case, Goldfarb looks at what his client is trying to find out and "tailor-makes" the type of poll it should conduct.

He explained there are a number to choose from including: probability polls where you sample the nation; segmented polls where, for example, you sample a particular behavior pattern or a particular type of coffee; telephone polls and personal interview polls.

Looking at this more closely, Goldfarb said that if The Canadian Jewish News wanted to better understand its market, he would probably do a telephone sample. However, if he were to study prejudice within the Jewish community, a personal interview format would probably be more suitable in order to get at real inner feelings and attitudes.

After the data is gathered by part-time people working evenings and weekends, it is analyzed and presented to clients, along with recommendations.

And what if the poll results are not exactly what the client is looking for?

"Our approach is to make recommendations and develop an intimate relationship with our clients and encourage them to act on them," Goldfarb replied. "We feel very possessive about things we find.

"The tactic here is not to give them results to make them feel good. You do research to discover, and the results often surprise you."

It is precisely this digging for research to understand the behavior of the nation that Goldfarb admitted to be exciting.

"In some respects that nation is on our couch. We do all kinds of research that deals with behavior in various social science disciplines, be it political, sociological, anthropological, psychological or economic."

Looking back at last fall's federal election, Goldfarb denied that there was any discrepancy between the fact that the majority of those polled opposed free trade and yet gave the Conservative Party its second consecutive majority.

He said the public deserves greater credit for recognizing that free trade was not the only issue at stake; trust also played a key role.

Disputing criticism that Canada's political system is not truly representative as the various fringe parties managed to garner 14 percent of the popular vote while failing to elect any members to Parliament, Goldfarb said Canada's system is still the most sensitive of any devised.

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It is even more sensitive than the American system as it is less cumbersome and more democratic because the prime minister is responsible to Parliament and the cabinet is chosen from elected representatives.

"Democracy is not a free-for-all. It doesn't mean every individual should have a say in every decision. Democracy has to have order and only functions when there is order."

He pointed to Israel's political system as an example of what happens when a country aims for what it perceives as a true democracy.

Instead of achieving it (by allowing proportional representation whereby any party receiving one percent of the vote is allowed to send a representative to sit in the country's legislative assembly), it produces chaos as fringe parties can demand extremist concessions and thereby weaken the country.

"The country in many respects faces a crisis-day-to-day because it doesn't have stability in its government and stablility is fundamental for the success of democracy."

It also results in reduced democracy because, unlike Canada's system where members of Parliament represent a given area and its citizens, Israeli politicians are chosen from slates so there is no one to ensure an area gets fair treatment.

Despite his contention that Israel's political system is less efficient than Canada's, there is nothing clinical or statistical about Goldfarb's commitment to Israel and Judaism.

He said that while growing up in Toronto at the corner of Dundas and Grace streets above his family's fruit store, his parents David and Sarah instilled in him and his two brothers, Harvey and Stanley, a tremendous commitment to Zionism and Israel and to Jewish principles and values.

These values are apparent in Goldfarb today as he deals with society's likes and dislikes.

"Judaism is committing yourself to certain principles and living within those principles. Each of its streams has its own merits and disciplines and laws to follow. Each of these is as valuable as the other. Within those sets of rules Judaism helps the individual to develop an honorary relationship within the family, friends and nation you live with." ■

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Larry's a super Mann

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Actor Larry Mann is also a humanitarian.

He struts on to the TV screen with an air of brashness. He is the quintessential boss, the kind you'd love to hate — but you just can't.

His resonant voice, animated face and know-it-all demeanor convince viewers that Bell Canada's Telecom business long distance will help them improve the sale of grapple gromets or anything else. He's the prototype of the benevolent chief whose bark is a lot worse than his bite.

Canada's super salesman is character actor Larry Mann, who has appeared in many feature films including Academy Award winners The Sting and In the Heat of Night.

Standing in his trailer at a camping site in Palm Springs, mixing an omelette for himself and his wife, Gloria, he's the antithesis of the formal executive he so often portrays. He says he loves the casual lifestyle of camping and for many years, whenever time permits, they travel throughout North America in their recreational vehicle.

Now living in Los Angeles, the fiercely loyal Canadian is one of North America's most sought after character actors, speakers and master of ceremonies. He comments that the following week, he's heading home to Toronto to participate in the annual telethon of Variety Club, an organization he has had a deep commitment to for more than four decades.

Reflecting on the difference between the authoritarian parts he often plays contrasted with his passion for informality, the aficionado explains that many actors are different than they appear in the media.

"I worked with Lorne Greene many times on Bonanza. He was like a warm bear but very few people ever found that out because he had been elevated by the studio to a position of fantastic stardom.

"When you first meet Lloyd Bochner, you might think him to be aloof, perhaps humorless. But when you get to know him, you realize that he really has a fantastic sense of humor. He's a warm guy with a very dry wit and he's a loyal friend."

Mann says that these and other friends from Canada who moved to Los Angeles, including Monty and Marilyn Hall and Alan Blye, formerly his cantor at Temple Sinai but now a producer of TV shows, remained family friends in California.

As the reconteur looks back on his childhood, he comments that his early years profoundly influenced him.

"It was at Rawlinson Public School at the tender age of 5½ that I was introduced to anti-semitism by a teacher. She chose to point out to the class that there were sharp differences between Jews and non-Jews — that all the stereotypical facts, all the ugly caricatures were true ... she obviously had missed the chance to teach in Nazi Germany.

"It was interesting because it was a scar when I was young and later it became a point of focus in realizing how one can do good and one can do bad with a young mind."

At Vaughan Road Collegiate, Mann became the first Jewish boy to play on the school's football team. And it was at Vaughan Road that he first ventured into some of the school's dramatic presentations.

After graduation in 1941, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as an instrument technician to the 419 Squadron and later to 400 Squadron — City of Toronto invasion forces.

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"Shortly after I joined the air force and went overseas, I wondered about that teacher at Rawlinson a lot. I wondered if I was defending Canada — like all Canada less her, or including her — and how many more like her I was helping defend. When I hit Belsen concentration camp the day it was liberated, I wondered a lot more."

Although Mann was not with an entertainment unit, he soon became involved.

"We always seemed to be stranded in little wee towns and we were really on our own because entertainment units only visited large bases. So we formed our own radio station, BLA 67/8, and our own newspaper, The Recce Flash."

Mann joined the editorial staff of the newspaper but it soon folded. "Our typesetter was apparently an escaped SS man and when he was arrested after only eight issues, that was the end of our newspaper."

He also became part of the radio broadcast team, listening to the BBC and writing the news. When the newscaster took ill, Mann filled in for him.

"Once I took over, I hung with it and liked the feeling and experience of it. So when I came home from the war, I decided to go into broadcasting."

Enthusiastically, Mann, who has a degree in journalism from Oxford University, says that he and his wife will travel to Europe in May for a reunion of his squadron. As well, he will participate in the 45th anniversary ceremony of D Day on June 6 on the beaches of Normandy.

When Mann returned to Canada in 1945, a new radio station, CHUM, was going on the air. He auditioned and was hired as a newscaster and disc jockey. He soon added an

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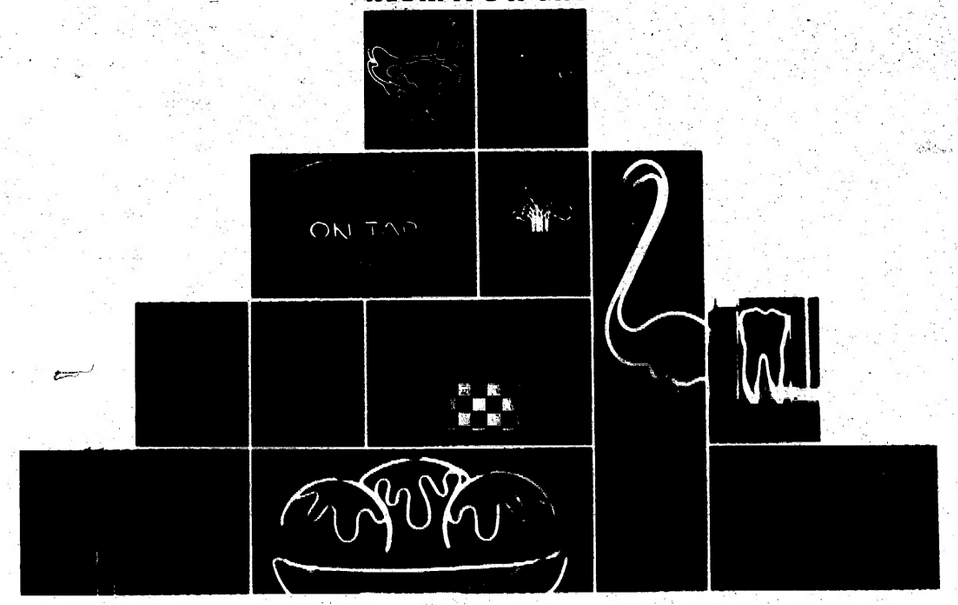

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interview show and special events coverage — "I did just about everything else at the station as one does in private radio."

When the ship Noronic had the largest fire on a Great Lakes vessel, Mann did many interviews. For his outstanding coverage of this historical event, he was awarded an honorary Phi Beta key for radio journalism.

His morning show on CHUM had a lot of "embarrassing" commercials so he improvised using a variety of different voices. With a laugh he recalls that an ad agency contacted him asking for one "voice's" number because it wanted to hire him for a job. That, he says, was the beginning of his freelance career and his entry to television, which was just beginning in Canada.

He auditioned for a show with Norman Jewison and was hired to play all the live characters on the Uncle Chichimus children's puppet show which was aired just before the national news. In actuality, the show was a satirical review of current events.

"Funny thing, Prime Minister Lester Pearson said to me one day that he never missed Uncle Chichimus, just to find out what's going on on Parliament Hill."

By the mid 1950s, the dramatic actor was in demand for film and TV work at home and in New York and Los Angeles. In 1959, and for three consecutive years, he won Best Actor awards for his TV work in Canadian productions. His role as Judge "Set-em-free" Lee Oberman on Hill Street Blues was memorable. His list of TV credits includes Columbo, Baretta and Hogan's Heros.

Despite his active professional career and an emphasis on family life, Mann never misses a hockey game wherever he is. He is frequently a featured guest or interviewer, and he handles the color commentary at many games.

Mann married Gloria Kochberg in 1946 in Toronto. With pride, he said, "Gloria travels everywhere with me and she shares my love of hockey, as do our four sons, Danny, Ron, Rickey and Jeffrey."

The Manns made the difficult decision to move to Los Angeles when Jeffrey developed a condition which required him to wear a leg brace and have ongoing heat therapy in a pool. With the brace it was difficult to put a snowsuit on him twice a day to take him to the pool, so they moved to Los Angeles. Now he wonders why he didn't make the move 20 years earlier.

"Canadian artists are really not appreciated until they have a stamp on the rump that says 'accepted by American networks and American viewers.' There is a tremendous number of good actors in Canada in TV and film but nobody knows who they are."

He adds that actors, writers, directors, choreographers and singers in Canada are treated very shabbily.

"It's the only place where people say to you, 'If you're so good, why don't you go to the States.' Nobody says it to lawyers, doctors or housebuilders. You don't say to someone, you're a great plumber, you should move to Seattle."

The difference between Mann 20 years ago and now is that, "I can say it now and I'm not bitter anymore — I'm just being realistic — and free trade isn't going to change it."

Representing Telecom, the Manns travel across Canada, and he says he is amazed that he is "recognized wherever I go."

Several years ago in Montreal, he met Harry Rasky, who had been his news editor, lunching with the famous photographer Yoseph Karsh. Some years before, Mann had worked with Karsh over a three-day period. When asked by Rasky if he knew Mann, Karsh instantly replied, "Of course, telemarketing."

By the way, what are Telecom's grapple gromets?

With a straight face he replies, "Actually, I'd love to tell people what they are, but we're sworn to secrecy by the department of national defence because when we came up with the name, we didn't realize that it was part of a very intricate missile system and it won't be public knowledge until the year 2089."

Behind his official reply, there is the inimitable twinkle in his eye that reflects his keen sense of humor and you realize that you've just had your leg pulled in typical Mann fashion. ■

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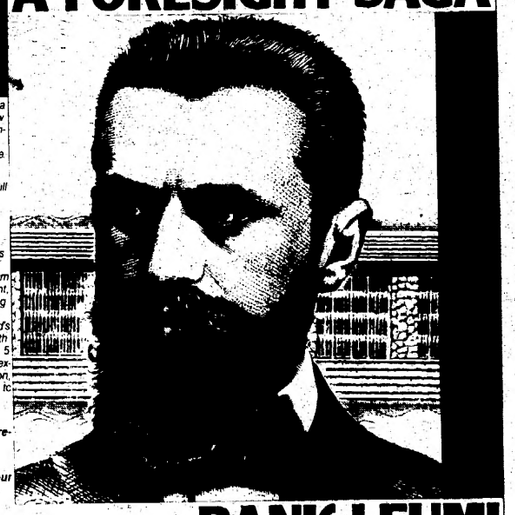

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There is much to be seen and appreciated in major cities such as Tel Aviv (a stroll along the Dizengoff, munching a falafel or bargain-hunting at the Carmel Shuk offer simple pleasures) and Jersusalem (a visit to such sites as Yad Vashem or the Western Wall is sure to elicit a bond with one's forefathers).

However, the countryside in which small settlements surround historical sites and attractions is a visual delight. From the rich green lushness of the Galilee to the arid brown shades of Qumran, from the heights of Mount Hermon in the Golan to the descent to the lowest spot on earth, the Dead Sea, there is almost too much for the senses to absorb.

Despite the almost 16-month-old intifada, Israel can still be paradise for vacationers because there is so much to do and see — safely. ■

Counter clockwise from top left: Yad Vashem memorial, the Banias on the Golan Heights, boy on a mule near Jericho, a woman relaxes near the Dead Sea, newlyweds take boat ride off Acre, and the Hammat Gader archeological site in northern Galilee.
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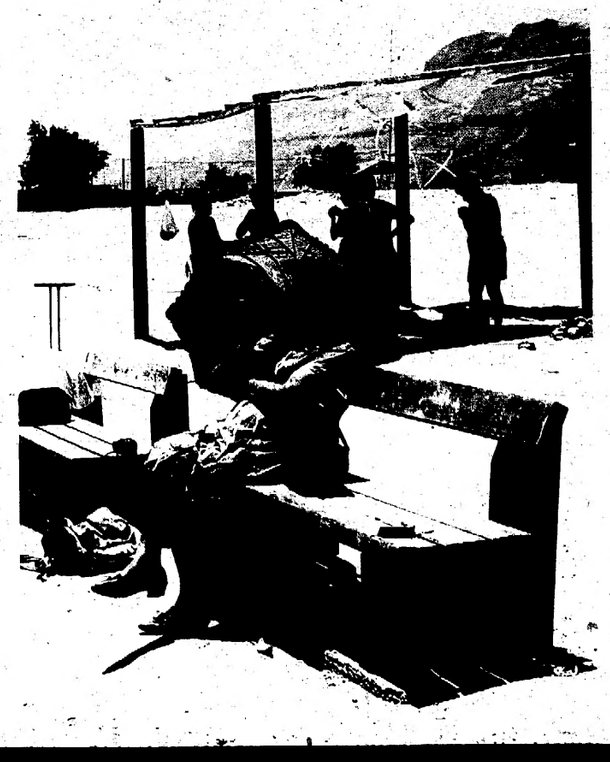

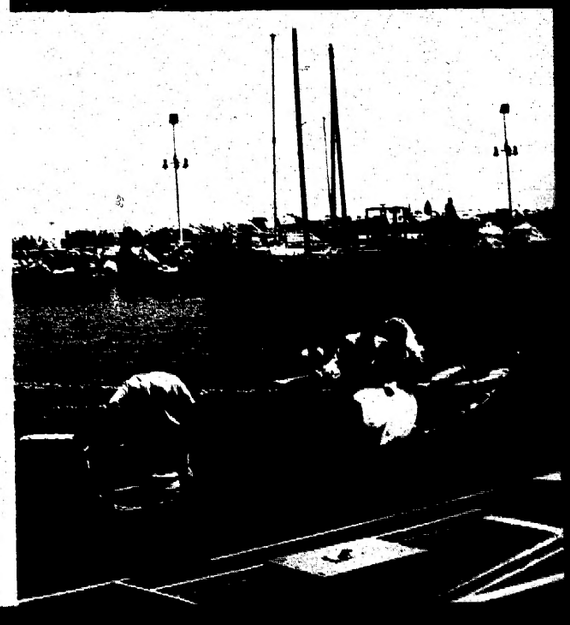

Trinidad and Tobago

Island's appeal hurt by internal woes

By MARIE MOORE

Conflict based on race, religion and cultural traditions as well as an economic recession and a badly neglected tourism industry have resulted in difficulties for those who are planning a vacation on the beautiful islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

But while the sister islands may not be the ideal place for those who prefer to mingle with the natives, by taking the necessary precautions, it is possible to avoid most of the problems.

The most important issue is accommodation. Based on your choice here, you will discover that valuable traveller services are not only available at the best-rated hotels but mandatory. Your successful venture will depend on the ability of your hotel staff to update you on the current situation.

At the top of the list in Trinidad are Port of Spain's Hilton and Holiday Inn Hotels. Hotel Normandie, another good choice, is just a five-minute drive away in St. Ann's. All three offer excellent pool and dining facilities, convenient shopping and a high standard of service.

Smaller locations (more reasonably priced) like the Kapok Inn, Chaconia and Scarlet Ibis surround the capital city with acceptable options.

San Fernando's Royal Hotel is also highly-rated, although it was not visited by this writer.

Tobago's Mt. Irvine Bay Hotel and Turtle Beach were most impressive. Many condominium-like leases are also available; most are modern and economically priced, especially for family-sized or larger groups.

Lots of other hotels are listed, but they rarely offer the service or conveniences to which Canadians have become accustomed. However, if your hotel is just a place to lay your pillow, the Crown Reef Hotel is acceptable.

Delicious fresh fruits, herbs and vegetables grow everywhere in Trinidad and Tobago. Pommerac, papaya, grapefruit, sweet oranges, coconuts, pineapple and limes (the size of a baseball) are available in the markets, on the beach or from roadside vendors as well as restaurants.

'Doubles' are flour patties filled with a scoop of curried chick peas and potato which are usually eaten by the islanders around breakfast time.

Another islander favorite, 'Bake' is a round, flat bread that has a rich, chewy texture.

Pear juice, Carib beer and rum punch are served with pride. 'Sorrel' juice, Solo pop and strong, home-grown coffee are also enjoyed by the islanders. Fish is served minutes to hours after catch.

Licenced Canadian drivers may rent vehicles in Trinidad, but rates plus insurance costs make this an extremely expensive mode of transportation. Furthermore, Trinidadians drive on the opposite side of the road with right-hand steering wheels — good reason for hiring a driver/guide or well-informed cabbie for tours and transportation.

You can ask your hotel for assistance. They will arrange pick-up and delivery plus ensure that the driver will wait for you at any stops. The hotel will also establish a fair rate or estimate what your ride should cost.

Do not hail a cab on the street or hire a guide through advertisement. Do not take the bus, rent a moped or bicycle. Restrict yourself to enclosed, locked, air-conditioned vehicles for health and safety reasons.

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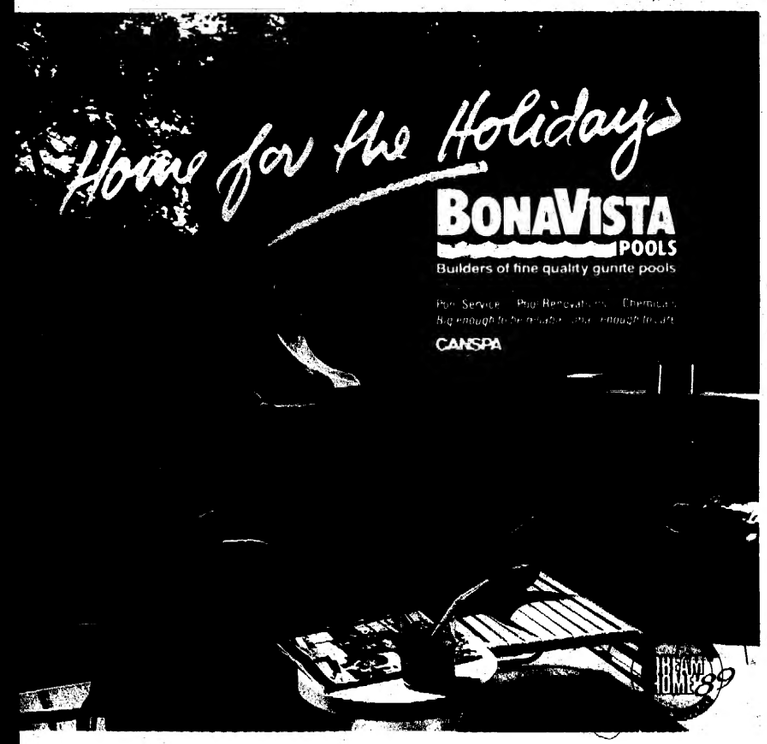

sure to visit the following sights. In Port of Spain, The Royal Victoria Building Museum, The National Art Gallery (look for Geoffrey and Boscoe Holder's works), St. Mary's Roman Catholic Boy's School and College, Queen's Royal College, 'The Red House' House of Parliament Records Centre, the ultra-modern Hall of Justice, the Prime Minister's Office, the desolate Royal Jail, Stollmeyer's Castle on Queen's Park West and the Queen's Park Gazebo.

In Tobago, Buccoo Reef and the Nylon pool are a must, Mount St. George and the fort are beautiful, but Pidgeon Point Beach will take your breath away. The little town of Plymouth (located next to the Turtle Beach Hotel) offers friendlier and safer shopping than the over-crowded, over-priced and unsociable atmosphere in downtown Scarborough.

Don't leave until you've seen the hills of Tobago. The drive through Mason Hall and Moriah is simply breathtaking. Plantations are cultivated on the hillsides and colorful villages dot the roadside.

Our cabbie/guide, Mr. Trim, knew all the local gossip and highlights. His four-hour tour of Tobago's countryside cost about $200 Trinidad Tobago dollars (about $45 U.S.) and included a stop for shopping as well as toe-dipping in the Atlantic Ocean and a brief visit to an old sugar mill where local artists often sketch unique souvenirs of the sight. All this and air-conditioning, too!

The T. T. dollar trades at a much higher rate for American currency, than Canadian. One dollar U.S. was worth $4.24 T. T. or more, depending on where you exchanged. Locals will pay $5 T. T. because of the existing black market. Canadian money was valued at $3.20 to $3.75, depending again on where you exchanged it. Hotels generally charge an exchange rate of 10 cents to the U.S. dollar.

The most significant event enjoyed by tourists in Trinidad is Carnival. For three days in early February, restless factions of the population look beyond their immediate problems and submerge themselves in the pure joy of this national celebration.

Calypso steel bands march with 'pans around the neck' behind brilliantly bedecked revellers. Costumes are authentic, elaborate and varied. A visit to one of many mascamps (masquerade clubs) in January revealed a frantic level of activity as club members prepared intricate, custom-made theme costumes for competition. Carnival is definitely the best time to visit Trinidad.

Carnival revellers march in a parade.

Other notable festivals include the Divali or Hindu Festival of Light held in October or November and Hosein, a Moslem tradition that features religious processions in the Mohorram month (June) of the Moslem calendar.

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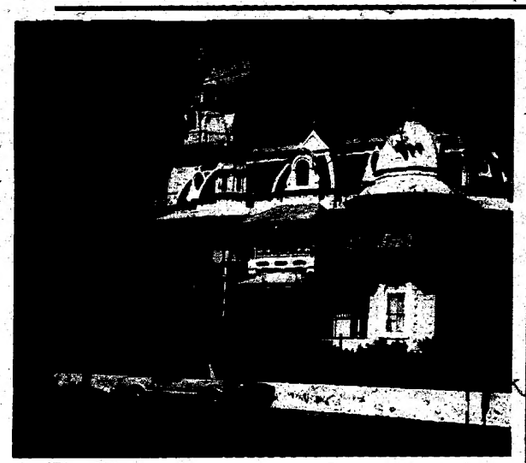
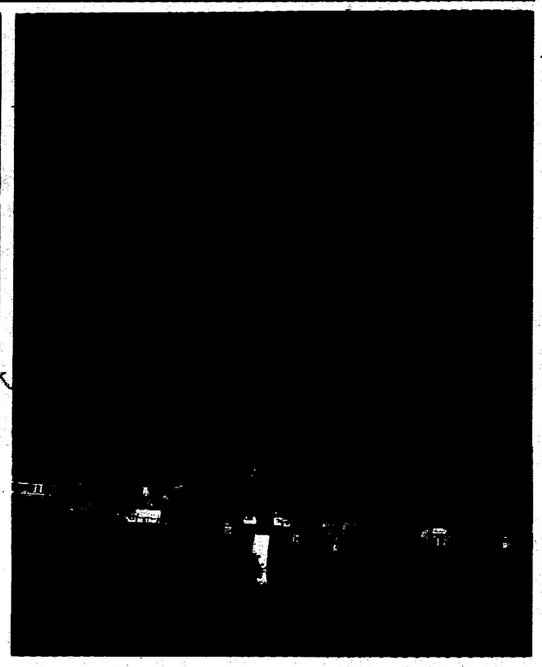


The Roomor mansion is in Port of Spain.

Of course, it's impossible to tell the whole story in just one article or to see the whole country in just one vacation, which is why anyone planning a visit to Trinidad is advised to contact the Trinidad/Tobago Tourist Board office in Toronto.

Make as many arrangements as possible before you depart as this will ensure a more enjoyable stay. Also, make sure you have the name of a contact in Trinidad before you leave.

Just remember that, as with many beautiful countries around the world where internal conflict is a fact of life, Trinidad has still got something to offer the Canadian traveller but even more to give to the well-informed and cautious tourist. ■



Poui trees are common on both sister islands.
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